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FOIPA Request No.: 1341184-000
Subject: DAWSON, WILLIAM L.

Dear Ms. Drews:

The enclosed documents were reviewed under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), Title 5, United States Code, Section 552. Deletions have been made to protect information which is exempt from disclosure, with the appropriate exemptions noted on the page next to the excision. In addition, a deleted page information sheet was inserted in the file to indicate where pages were withheld entirely. The exemptions used to withhold information are marked below and explained on the enclosed Explanation of Exemptions:

Section 552		Section 552a
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293 pages were reviewed and 276 pages are being released.

☐ Document(s) were located which originated with, or contained information concerning, other Government Agency (ies) [OGA].

☐ This information has been referred to the OGA(s) for review and direct response to you.
☑ We are consulting with another agency. The FBI will correspond with you regarding this information when the consultation is completed.

☐ In accordance with standard FBI practice and pursuant to FOIA exemption (b)(7)(E) and Privacy Act exemption (j)(2) [5 U.S.C. § 552/552a (b)(7)(E)/(j)(2)], this response neither confirms nor denies the existence of your subject's name on any watch lists.

For your information, Congress excluded three discrete categories of law enforcement and national security records from the requirements of the FOIA. See 5 U.S. C. § 552(c) (2006 & Supp. IV (2010). This response is limited to those records that are subject to the requirements of the FOIA. This is a standard notification that is given to all our requesters and should not be taken as an indication that excluded records do, or do not, exist. Enclosed for your information is a copy of the Explanation of Exemptions.

For questions regarding our determinations, visit the www.fbi.gov/foia website under “Contact Us.”

The FOIPA Request Number listed above has been assigned to your request. Please use this number in all correspondence concerning your request. Your patience is appreciated.

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☐ The enclosed material is from the main investigative file(s) in which the subject(s) of your request was the focus of the investigation. Our search located additional references, in files relating to other individuals, or matters, which may or may not be about your subject(s). Our experience has shown when ident, references usually contain information similar to the information processed in the main file(s). Because of our significant backlog, we have given priority to processing only the main investigative file(s). If you want the references, you must submit a separate request for them in writing, and they will be reviewed at a later date, as time and resources permit.

☑ See additional information which follows.

Sincerely,

David M. Hardy
Section Chief
Record/Information
Dissemination Section
Records Management Division

This information is being released to you at no charge.

In response to your Freedom of Information/Privacy Acts (FOIPA) request, enclosed is a processed copy of the FBI headquarters files 58-HQ-3267 Section 1 and 58-HQ-7125 section1.

To minimize costs to both you and the FBI, duplicate copies of the same document were not processed.

Enclosure(s)

EXPLANATION OF EXEMPTIONS

SUBSECTIONS OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 552

(b)(1) (A) specifically authorized under criteria established by an Executive order to be kept secret in the interest of national defense or foreign policy and (B) are in fact properly classified to such Executive order;

(b)(2) related solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of an agency;

(b)(3) specifically exempted from disclosure by statute (other than section 552b of this title), provided that such statute (A) requires that the matters be withheld from the public in such a manner as to leave no discretion on issue, or (B) establishes particular criteria for withholding or refers to particular types of matters to be withheld;

(b)(4) trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person and privileged or confidential;

(b)(5) inter-agency or intra-agency memorandums or letters which would not be available by law to a party other than an agency in litigation with the agency;

(b)(6) personnel and medical files and similar files the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy;

(b)(7) records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes, but only to the extent that the production of such law enforcement records or information (A) could reasonably be expected to interfere with enforcement proceedings, (B) would deprive a person of a right to a fair trial or an impartial adjudication, (C) could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, (D) could reasonably be expected to disclose the identity of confidential source, including a State, local, or foreign agency or authority or any private institution which furnished information on a confidential basis, and, in the case of record or information compiled by a criminal law enforcement authority in the course of a criminal investigation, or by an agency conducting a lawful national security intelligence investigation, information furnished by a confidential source, (E) would disclose techniques and procedures for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions, or would disclose guidelines for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions if such disclosure could reasonably be expected to risk circumvention of the law, or (F) could reasonably be expected to endanger the life or physical safety of any individual;

(b)(8) contained in or related to examination, operating, or condition reports prepared by, on behalf of, or for the use of an agency responsible for the regulation or supervision of financial institutions; or

(b)(9) geological and geophysical information and data, including maps, concerning wells.

SUBSECTIONS OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 552a

(d)(5) information compiled in reasonable anticipation of a civil action proceeding;

(j)(2) material reporting investigative efforts pertaining to the enforcement of criminal law including efforts to prevent, control, or reduce crime or apprehend criminals;

(k)(1) information which is currently and properly classified pursuant to an Executive order in the interest of the national defense or foreign policy, for example, information involving intelligence sources or methods;

(k)(2) investigatory material compiled for law enforcement purposes, other than criminal, which did not result in loss of a right, benefit or privilege under Federal programs, or which would identify a source who furnished information pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence;

(k)(3) material maintained in connection with providing protective services to the President of the United States or any other individual pursuant to the authority of Title 18, United States Code, Section 3056;

(k)(4) required by statute to be maintained and used solely as statistical records;

(k)(5) investigatory material compiled solely for the purpose of determining suitability, eligibility, or qualifications for Federal civilian employment or for access to classified information, the disclosure of which would reveal the identity of the person who furnished information pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence;

(k)(6) testing or examination material used to determine individual qualifications for appointment or promotion in Federal Government service he release of which would compromise the testing or examination process;

(k)(7) material used to determine potential for promotion in the armed services, the disclosure of which would reveal the identity of the person who furnished the material pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence.

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STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : THE DIRECTOR

DATE: APRIL 21, 1953

FROM : [illegible]

SUBJECT: WILLIAM LEVI DAWSON
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Background:

On April 20, 1953, you requested a summary of information in Bureau files concerning captioned individual, Democratic Congressman from Chicago, Illinois. Dawson born Albany, [illegible]. Graduated from Albany Normal School and Fisk University receiving A.B. degree; later graduated from Northwestern University Law School with an LL.B. degree. He served in 1st World War as 1st Lieutenant with A.E.F. He was active in Chicago and Illinois State politics from 1930 to 1942. In 1942, he was elected to Congress and has since served continuously in the House of Representatives. In 1944, Dawson was subject of bribery investigation based on effort to obtain preferred treatment for official of a Chicago battery company. In interview, he denied offering payment and it was not possible to prosecute him. Battery company official pleaded nolle contendere and received $250 fine and probation. Dawson's office clerk, Frederick Wells, indicted on bribery charge at Chicago on 2/19/53 and trial pending. Several sources indicate Dawson involved in policy racket in Chicago and has connections with criminal syndicate. Dawson has been active in Anti-Poll Tax and F.E.P.C. legislation. Has been affiliated with 8 cited organizations and has supported Communist Party and CP line. In turn, he has been criticized by Communist Press. In interview with Mr. Nichols in December, 1949, Dawson was highly complimentary of you and Bureau.

RECOMMENDATION:

None. This is for your information.

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Memorandum for the Director
Re: Congressman William Levi Dawson

DETAILS:

You requested on April 20, 1953, that a summary memorandum be prepared concerning Congressman William Levi Dawson of Illinois.

Biographical Data:

The Congressional Directory for January, 1952, reflects the following background information concerning Dawson. He was born in Albany, Georgia, on April 26, 1886; was graduated from Albany, Georgia Normal School and Fisk University, receiving an A.B. degree; attended Kent College of Law and was graduated from Northwestern University Law School with an LL.B. degree. During the first World War, he served as a First Lieutenant of the 365th Infantry, A.E.F. He is listed as an attorney at law. He has been State Central Committeeman, First Congressional District, from 1930 to 1932; Alderman of Second Ward, 1933 to 1939; Democratic Committeeman from the Second Ward since 1939; is married and has two children. He has been a member of Congress since November, 1942.

Bureau Investigations:

On February 28, 1946, James K. Harwood, Civilian Production Administration employee in Washington, D. C., advised that Congressman Dawson, Negro, of Illinois, had advised him on that date that he could receive one or two thousand dollars if he arranged for the Apex Battery Company of Chicago, Illinois, to receive extra allotments of lead for the manufacture of batteries. Harwood advised that through Dawson he met Bernard Sweet, Vice President of the Apex Battery Company. During the Bureau investigation, a payoff was made of $2,000 by Sweet to Harwood. Sweet was immediately taken into custody. However, in subsequent interrogation he refused to implicate Dawson in any manner. Dawson was interviewed on March 19, 1946, and admitted that he had talked to Harwood in his office but denied offering any funds for any consideration. He claimed that his only interest was to assist a constituent, Sweet, of the Apex Battery Company. Sweet subsequently entered a plea of nolle contendere and received a sentence of $250 fine and probation for 4 months to 1 year. This case was closed on October 17, 1946. (58-1598)

During June, 1950, the Chicago Office received information that employees of the Chicago Post Office were paying funds in order to receive Civil Service appointments or to retain their jobs. During this investigation it was determined that Frederick Walls, Secretary to Congressman Dawson, had allegedly addressed the group of employees

and indicated that he would make every effort to have their jobs "blanketed." Funds collected from the Post Office employees were determined to be approximately $2,500. Upon interview, Walls admitted speaking before the employees but denied any knowledge that funds had been collected. Walls and the other subjects of this investigation were indicted on a bribery charge by a Federal Grand Jury in Chicago, Illinois, on February 18, 1958. During this investigation it was determined that Walls had been in Dawson's payroll since 1943 in a clerical capacity. Trial of the defendants in the above matter is presently pending. (58-2291)

Political Tie-up With Rackets:

The Chicago Crime Survey dated October 15, 1949, stated that the policy racket in Chicago was operated not by the criminal syndicate but rather was controlled by U. S. Congressman William Dawson. Dawson allegedly was involved in the policy racket with one Jim Knight and James Cashin, both being negroes residing on the South Side of Chicago. (62-75147-9-35, pages 1 & 9)

"The Chicago Daily News" newspaper of September 28, 1950, carried a reprint of an article from "Collier's" magazine captioned, "The Capone Mob and Politics." The article described various Chicago hoodlums and rackets. Among other things, it was stated that Congressman Dawson was the political czar of the Chicago South Side. Dawson was reported to have offered a negro Democratic candidate for the Illinois State Legislature $15,000 to withdraw from a political race so that a candidate of the criminal syndicate could be successful. The article stated that Dawson claimed he would not accept money from racketeers but in the event such funds would be available, he saw nothing improper in their being diverted to political funds. The article also stated that Dawson was one of the most influential negro politicians in America. (62-81093-9-A)

The files of the Kefauver Crime Committee contained information that Jack Cusik, Chicago hoodlum, received payoff money from Congressman William Dawson on the first, second, or third of each month in the office of Dawson at 180 West Randolph Street, Chicago, Illinois. (62-75147-12) (Testimony, 1950)

The following quotation is taken from the book, "USA, Confidential," by Jack Lait and Lee Mortimer. This publication, in commenting concerning the Chicago area, states as follows: ".... lottery and policy have not been bothered, because they keep thousands of negroes. The center for this billion dollar racket is the 2nd Ward where the policy wheels have their headquarters. The Democratic committeeman is William L. Dawson, colored, a former Republican but a howling 'New Dealer' and Chairman of the mighty Committee on Appropriations. Nothing runs in his Ward without Dawson's knowledge."

AFFILIATION WITH CITED ORGANIZATIONS:

On March 6, 1938, Dawson was listed as a speaker at a mass meeting, which was sponsored by the National Negro Congress, for the purpose of advocating the passage of an Anti-Lynch Bill then pending in the Senate. The National Negro Congress was cited as a Communist organization by the Attorney General. (Chicago 15; 100-225139-1)

In 1941 a membership list of the National Lawyers Guild revealed that William L. Dawson, 180 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois, last paid membership dues in January, 1937. The National Lawyers Guild was cited as a Communist front by the Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities. (100-7321-6 p.450)

According to a highly confidential source, William L. Dawson was listed on the program of a dinner entitled "Salute to our Russian Ally" which was held at Orchestra Hall, Chicago, Illinois, on November 25, 1942, under the auspices of the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship. The National Council of American-Soviet Friendship was cited as a Communist organization by the Attorney General. (100-146964-239 p. 55)

On March 9, 1943, the National Committee to Abolish the Poll Tax held a conference in Washington, D. C. Among the speakers at that conference was Congressman William L. Dawson of Illinois. The "Daily Worker," east coast Communist newspaper, issue dated October 21, 1943, reported that CIO Counsel Lee Pressman, Joseph A. Padway and Representative Dawson would argue the Anti-Poll Tax Bill before the Senate Judiciary Committee on October 26, 1943. These three attorneys were selected for this presentation by the National Committee to Abolish the Poll Tax. The National Committee to Abolish the Poll Tax was cited as a Communist front by the California Committee on Un-American Activities. (62-67571-34, 45)

The "Chicago Sun," issue dated January 9, 1944, reported that the American Youth for Democracy was scheduled to hold an emergency conference on that date. Among the individuals listed as speakers at this conference was William L. Dawson. On October 16, 1944, the American Youth for Democracy sponsored a "Salute to Young America Dinner" which was held at the Hotel Commodore, New York City. Listed among the sponsors of this dinner was the Honorable William L.

Dawson. The American Youth for Democracy was cited as a Communist organization by the Attorney General. (100-3-14-2140 p. 56; 61-777-34-138)

Congressman William L. Dawson was a speaker at a luncheon sponsored by the National Federation for Constitutional Liberties which was held at the Central YMCA, Chicago, Illinois, on April 8, 1944. Dawson spoke in favor of the Marcantonio Anti-Poll Tax Bill. The National Federation for Constitutional Liberties was cited as a Communist organization by the Attorney General. (100-3-14-2171)

A highly confidential source advised in May, 1945, that the Council on African Affairs planned to call a conference in Washington, D. C., on June 16, 1945. The conference was to be built around prominent individuals, including Congressman William Dawson. The Council on African Affairs was cited as a Communist organization by the Attorney General. (100-69266-123)

MISCELLANEOUS:

The "Chicago Daily Record" issue dated December 14, 1938, reported that returning volunteers of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade were met in Chicago by a welcoming committee which included Alderman William L. Dawson. The report of the Special Committee on Un-American Activities, U. S. House of Representatives, dated 1944 listed Alderman William L. Dawson, Second Ward, Chicago, Illinois, among the "American Communists and sympathizers who fought for Loyalist Spain." In this regard the State Department's files did not reflect a passport for Dawson. (61-7561-251X15; 61-7582-1298 p.277; 100-7060-442 p.48)

On August 8, 1942, William Dawson, Democratic candidate for Congress, addressed the Negro Labor Victory Committee at Garfield Hall, Chicago, Illinois. He stated during his address that if elected he would use his influence to have the Communist Party returned to the Illinois State Ballot. (100-3-14-871)

During a meeting of the Second Ward Branch of the Communist Party in Chicago, Illinois, on March 9, 1944, one Hackney, not further identified, stated that he was a member of the committee which had met with Congressman William Dawson during the past week concerning the South Side Progressive groups. According to Hackney, Dawson agreed to support the proposal of Roosevelt's renomination to a fourth term. In June, 1944, Dawson

was a speaker before the Illinois Midwest Negro Peoples Assembly in Chicago, Illinois, which meeting was held for the purpose of supporting the Roosevelt fourth term. The Communist Political Association, District 8, Chicago, Illinois, was represented at this meeting of the Illinois Midwest Negro Peoples Assembly. (100-3-14-2252)

In June, 1944, Adam Lapin, Washington correspondent of the "Daily Worker," conferred with Congressman William Dawson concerning the political situation in Illinois. On February 2, 1945, the "Daily Worker" hailed Congressmen Powell, Marcantonio, Dawson and Benjamin Davis for their stand on the May-Bailey National Service Bill. The article commented that Powell and Dawson were leading the Negro people to political maturity. (62-29367-A; 100-3-14-2336; Chicago 5038)

Criticism of Dawson by the Communist Press:

"The Worker," Sunday edition of the "Daily Worker," issue dated May 2, 1943, carried an article captioned "Chicago's Negroes and the War" under the by-line of William L. Patterson. In this article Patterson criticized Congressman Dawson for "red baiting" and his support of Congressman Martin Dies. Patterson accused Dawson of a "narrow factional attitude against other Negro leaders" and "blind adherence to partisan politics." The "Daily Worker," issue dated August 25, 1948, in an article under the by-line of Benjamin J. Davis, criticized Congressman Dawson for a "do-nothing attitude." An additional article by Benjamin J. Davis appearing in the "Daily Worker" of February 6, 1949, was highly critical of Dawson who had been recently appointed Chairman of the House Committee on Expenditures. Davis stated that Dawson had "never given the impression of being more than a Party 'hack' and had never given a real battle for Negro rights." (100-135-A; 100-3-75-A)

National Committee for Fair Employment Practice:

On January 28, 1944, Congressman William Dawson introduced a permanent Fair Employment Practice Bill in the House of Representatives. The Bill was in opposition to a similar bill sponsored by Congressman Vito Marcantonio. Marcantonio was alleged to have stated there was no fundamental difference in his bill and that offered by Dawson.

During September, 1944, Dawson was one of a three-man committee who arranged a conference with President Roosevelt concerning the Fair Employment Practice Act. During February, 1945, Dawson was a sponsor of the House of Representatives' Bi-Partisan Permanent Committee Bill on Fair Employment Practices. (100-185-53-18, p.6 and 100-272184-8, p.7)

Contact with the Bureau:

On December 12, 1948, Dawson was interviewed by Mr. Nichols after he, Dawson, had attempted to see the Director, concerning the loyalty of one John F. Davis, a writer whom Dawson at that time was considering for employment. Davis had been connected with the National Negro Congress and was formerly employed by Vito Marcantonio. During his discussion with Mr. Nichols, Dawson stated that it was his belief that though Davis had been foolish in the past "in the last few years he had not only been anti-Russian but anti-Communist." During the interview, Dawson was highly complimentary of the Director and the Bureau. Subsequently, Davis, as publisher of "Our World Magazine," demonstrated an anti-Communist attitude. In the July, 1950, issue of the above magazine, Davis presented a seven-page layout on the FBI. Thereafter the Bureau sent cordial letters to Davis and Dawson. (100-29058-30; 100-352331)

STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. A. ROSEN

DATE: January 4, 1954

FROM : MR. L. M. CONROY

SUBJECT: CONGRESSMAN WILLIAM LEVI DAWSON
(DEM. - ILLINOIS)
NAME CHECK REQUEST

SYNOPSIS:

Reference my memorandum dated December 16, 1953, concerning name checks received from G-2 on 129 Senators and Congressmen who are to be invited to the Pentagon early in January, 1954, for briefing on future U. S. War Plans. Per referenced memorandum, indices search confined to main files and data will be furnished to G-2 only where investigation has been conducted. Bufiles reflect Dawson active in Illinois State politics 1930 to 1942, and has served in House of Representatives since 1942. In 1946 Dawson was subject of bribery investigation based on alleged efforts to obtain by bribery preferred treatment for an official of a Chicago Battery Company. No corroborating evidence developed with regard to allegation of bribe by Dawson and upon interview Dawson denied offering any payment. United States Attorney declined prosecution of Dawson because of insufficient evidence of guilt. Battery Company official apprehended making bribe and pleaded nolo contendere and received $250 fine and probation. Dawson's office clerk, Frederick Falls indicted by Federal Grand Jury on bribery charge at Chicago on February 19, 1952, and trial pending. Several sources indicate Dawson involved in policy racket in Chicago and has connection with criminal syndicate; further that Dawson has been affiliated with several cited organizations and has supported Communist Party and Communist Party line. In turn, however, Dawson has been criticized by Communist Press. Dawson also active in anti-Poll Tax and F.E.P.C. legislation. These allegations have not been confirmed by investigation and therefore are not being disseminated to G-2.

Attachment

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RECOMMENDATION:

If you approve, the attached memorandum summarizing the bribery investigation conducted concerning Congressman Dawson will be furnished G-2 in answer to their request.

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DETAILS:

Reference is made to my memorandum dated December 16, 1953, concerning name checks submitted by G-2 on 129 Senators and Congressmen who are to attend a conference at the Pentagon early in January, 1954. According to G-2 this conference is for the purpose of briefing the members of Congress on future U. S. War Plans. As set forth in referenced memorandum the search in general indices was confined to main files and data will be furnished to G-2 only in instances where we have conducted investigations; otherwise, G-2 will be advised that we have conducted no investigation. Congressman William L. Dawson (Democrat-Illinois) was one of the individuals on whom name checks were submitted.

Dawson was active in Chicago and Illinois state politics from 1[illegible] to 1[illegible]. He was elected to Congress in 1942 and has since served continuously in the House of Representatives. [illegible] Dawson was the subject of a [illegible] inquiries, the details of which are set forth below:

On February [illegible], 1946, James J. Harwood, Civilian Production Administration employee in Washington, D. C., advised that Congressman Dawson of Illinois had advised him on that date that he could receive one or two thousand dollars if he arranged for the Apex Battery Company of Chicago, Illinois, to receive extra allotments of lead for the manufacture of batteries. Harwood advised that through Dawson he met Bernard Sweet, Vice President of the Apex Battery Company. During the Bureau investigation a payoff was made of $2,000 by Sweet to Harwood. Sweet was immediately taken into custody. However, in subsequent interrogation Sweet refused to implicate Dawson in any manner. Dawson was interviewed on March 19, 1946, and admitted that he had talked to Harwood in his office but denied offering any funds for any consideration. He claimed that his only interest was to assist a constituent, Sweet, of the Apex Battery Company. Sweet subsequently entered a plea of nolo contendere and received a sentence of $250 fine and probation for four months to one year. The facts concerning Dawson's implication in this matter were discussed with the Office of the United States Attorney in Washington, D. C. who declined prosecution of Dawson because of insufficient evidence of guilt.
(58-1598)

No other investigation of Congressman Dawson has been conducted by this Bureau although his office clerk, Frederick Walls, was indicted along with others in a bribery charge by a Federal Grand Jury in Chicago, Illinois, on February 19, 1952. Walls allegedly addressed a group of employees of the Chicago Post Office in June, 1950, and advised these employees that he would make every effort to help them retain their jobs. Funds collected from the post office employees were determined to be approximately $3,500. The trial in this matter is presently pending. (58-2291)

Information has been received from several sources that Dawson has been involved in policy rackets in Chicago and has connections with a criminal syndicate; further, that Dawson has been affiliated with several cited organizations and has supported the Communist Party and the Communist Party line. In turn, however, he has been criticized by the Communist Press. He has also been active in Anti-Poll Tax and F.E.P.C. legislation. This information has not been confirmed by investigation and therefore is not being disseminated to G-2.

January 12, 1954

WILLIAM LEVI DAWSON

The following information is being furnished in response to your request for information concerning the above-named individual:

In February, 1946, an employee of the Civilian Production Administration in Washington, D. C. alleged he had been contacted by Congressman William Levi Dawson of Illinois who advised that this employee could receive one or two thousand dollars if he arranged for the Apex Battery Company of Chicago, Illinois, to receive extra allotments of lead for the manufacture of batteries. The employee advised that through Dawson he met Bernard Sweet, Vice President of the Apex Battery Company. During the Bureau investigation of this matter a payoff was made of $2,000 by Sweet to the Government employee. Sweet was immediately taken into custody. In subsequent interrogation Sweet admitted his own guilt, but declined to acknowledge Dawson's participation in the case in any manner. Congressman Dawson was interviewed in March, 1946, and admitted that he had talked to the Civilian Production Administration employee but denied offering any funds for any consideration. Congressman Dawson claimed that his only interest was to assist a constituent, Sweet, of the Apex Battery Company. The facts concerning Dawson's alleged participation in the bribery offer were furnished to the Office of the United States Attorney in Washington, D. C., which office declined prosecutive action with regard to Dawson in view of insufficient evidence. Sweet subsequently entered a plea of nolo contendere and received a sentence of $250 fine and probation for four months to one year in U. S. District Court for the District of Columbia. No additional information was developed to substantiate the allegation concerning Congressman Dawson.

No additional investigation has been conducted by this Bureau pertinent to your inquiry concerning Congressman William Levi Dawson.

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ENCLOSURE

The foregoing information is being furnished as the result of your request for an FBI file check only and is not to be construed as a clearance or a nonclearance of the individual involved. It is for your information and is not to be disseminated outside of your agency.

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U. S. REPRESENTATIVE DAWSON, R., ILL., INFORMATION CONCERNING. AS RESULT OF INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED INTO GANG MURDERS OF ANTHONY AND JAMES PAPE, CG., ILL., APRIL TEN LAST, IT IS BELIEVED NEWSPAPER EXPOSE IS BEING PREPARED INTO PAYOFFS AND POLITICAL INTRIGUE OF ABOVE REPRESENTATIVE. SHORTLY PRIOR TO KILLING OF ANTHONY PAPE, WIFE OVERHEARD REMARK MADE BY VICTIM THAT HE HAD TO SEE QUOTE CRACKY TO HAVE THINGS FIXED BEFORE THEY GOT HIM UNQUOTE. IN AN EFFORT TO ASSIST POLICE [redacted] b7D [redacted] CONTACTED AS TO IDENTITY OF CRACKY. INFORMANT ADVISED CRACKY IS JOE MENDINO WHOM INFORMANT DESCRIBED AS ONE OF ORIGINAL MEMBERS OLD CAPONE SYNDICATE AND WHO HAD LARGE FINANCIAL INTEREST IN SPORTSMAN-S PARK RACE TRACK, CG, WHICH TRACK IS ALLEGED TO BE OPERATED BY SYNDICATE. MENDINO-S PARTICULAR JOB WAS TO ARRANGE PAYOFFS TO POLITICIANS BOTH LOCAL AND STATE FOR FAVORS RECEIVED BY SPORTSMAN-S PARK. MENDINO FURTHER ALLEGED TO HANDLE PAYOFF FOR OPERATION OF ALL ILLEGAL HANDBOOKS THROUGHOUT THIS TERRITORY TO VARIOUS LOCAL POLITICIANS. THIS INFO FURNISHED TO CHIEF JOHN T. O-MALLEY, CG PD. O-MALLEY TODAY ADVISED THIS INFO EXTREMELY HELPFUL IN INVESTIATION OF KILLINGS AND RESULTED IN DEVELOPMENT OF SUFFICIENT INFO CONERNING MENDINO-S CONNECTION TO BLOW CHICAGO CITY HALL COMPLETELY OUT OF WATER. HE FURTHER ADVISED THAT AS A RESULT

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OF INVESTIGATION OF MENDINO THEY HAD IDENTIFIED AN INDIVIDUAL, A NEGRO WHO FORMERLY SERVED ON ILL. STATE RACING COMMISSION BOARD, WHO IS FURNISHING ALL DETAILS AS TO PAYOFFS AND WHO O-MALLEY STATES HAS FURNISHED SUFFICIENT INFO TO COMPLETELY WIPE OUT REPUBLICAN CONTROL OF FIFTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT OF ILL. AND REPRESENTATIVE DAWSON. O-MALLEY FURTHER STATED THIS INDIVIDUAL IS IN THE COUNTY JAIL AND AT PRESENT TIME IS FURNISHING INFO CONERNING REPRESENTATIVE DAWSON TO A REPRESENTATIVE OF QUOTE SUN TIMES UNQUOTE NEWSPAPER WHICH IS PLANNING GIGANTIC EXPOSE AGAINST REPRESENTATIVE DAWSON AND IN ALL PROBABILITY GOVERNOR STRATTON OF ILLINOIS.

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U. S. REPRESENTATIVE DAWSON, R., ILL., INFO CONCERNING. RE CG TT-S FOUR DASH TWENTY LAST AND BUREAU PHONE CALLS SAME DATE. CITY DESKS OF CHICAGO DAILY NEWS AND CHICAGO TRIBUNE, BOTH CG NEWSPAPERS ADVISE THAT REPRESENTATIVE DAWSON IS A DEMOCRAT FROM FIRST DIST. OF ILLINOIS WHICH IS CONSIDERED UNDER DEMOCRAT CONTROL. THE REFERENCE TO REPUBLICAN CONTROL AND THE FIFTH DIST. BY CAPT. O-MALLEY, CG, PD WAS OBVIOUSLY AN ERRONEOUS REFERENCE TO DAWSON OF THE DEMOCRATIC FIRST DIST.

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U. S. REPRESENTATIVE DAWSON, R., ILL., INFO CONCERNING. RE MY TEL TO THE DIRECTOR AND BUREAU PHONE CALL TO CG THIS DATE. RE TEL CONTAINS INFO REGARDING POLITICAL AFFILIATION OF REPRESENTATIVE DAWSON AS FURNISHED BY CAPT. JOHN T. O-MALLEY, CHIEF OF DETECTIVES, CG PD AND NOT VERIFIED AS TO PARTY OR DISTRICT. CHIEF O-MALLEY CONTACTED AGENT THIS OFFICE AND REQUESTED ASSISTANCE TO IDENTIFY "CRACKY" FROM ANY SOURCE. LOCAL CONTACT WAS [redacted] b7D [redacted] AS MATTER POLICE COOPERATION.

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U. S. REPRESENTATIVE DAWSON, INFO CONERNINING. RECGTEL APRIL TWENTY LAST. CHIEF O-MALLEY RECONTACTED AND IDENTITY OF INDIVIDUAL FURNISHING INFO DETERMINED TO BE [redacted] PRESENTLY IN CUSTODY ON APPEAL FROM [redacted] AND HAS HAD PRIOR ARRESTS. HAS CG PD NO. [redacted]. O-MALLEY DOES NOT HAVE FULL DETAILS OF INFO FURNISHED BY [redacted] IN CUSTODY OF STATE-S ATTORNEY. HAS BEEN ADVISED THAT CHARGES MADE CONCERN GAMBLING AND VICE IN FIFTH POLICE DISTRICT, WHICH IS NEGRO SECTION WITHIN HIS CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT, ALLEGEDLY CONTROLLED BY REP. DAWSON. BELIEVES INFO CONERNING DAWSON WILL PROBABLY RELATE TO CONTROL OF POLICY RACKET WHICH HAS BEEN RUMORED BEFORE. HOWEVER THIS IS SUPPOSITION ON HIS PART, NOT FACT. IT HAS BEEN ASCERTAINED SUN TIMES NEWSPAPER HOLDING OFF EXPOSE AS MATERIAL TOO HOT WITHOUT CORROBORATION AND CORROBORATION DIFFICULT TO OBTAIN. BUREAU WILL BE ADVISED OF ANY FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS.

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STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Rosen

DATE: April 21, 1954

FROM : Mr. Price

SUBJECT: U. S. REPRESENTATIVE WILLIAM LEVI DAWSON (Dem. - Illinois), Chicago, Illinois

SYNOPSIS:

This memorandum is to furnish you the information received by the Chicago Office concerning the alleged payoff by a racing syndicate to Congressman William Levi Dawson (Dem.-Ill), the Governor of Illinois and the Mayor of Chicago.

ASAC Roy Moore of Chicago Office telephonically advised at 5:05 p.m., 4-20-54 that local authorities have been investigating apparent gangland slaying of Anthony and James Pape, 4-10-54. Chief of Detectives John O'Malley, Chicago PD, advised Chicago Office that according to his investigation these slayings were ordered by Joseph Mendino, alias Joe Crackers, Lake Forest, Illinois, described as an old member of Capone gang and large stockholder in Sportsman's Park, Chicago.

O'Malley advised he had a Negro in jail who was furnishing information indicating that Mendino and the racing syndicate have been paying off Congressman William Levi Dawson of Chicago, the Governor of Illinois and the Mayor of Chicago. Moore advised a reporter for the "Chicago Sun-Telegraph" was interviewing the police informant and that the information concerning the payoffs would probably appear in Chicago papers today.

Chicago submitted teletype with further details 4-20-54 advising that just before killing of Anthony Pape his wife overheard him say he had to "see 'Cracky' to have things fixed before they got him."

Chicago advises Chief O'Malley requested the office to furnish assistance in identifying "Cracky." Chicago in effort to assist police contacted criminal informant [redacted], who advised Cracky is Joe Mendino, described by informant as one of the original members of old Capone syndicate having large financial interest in Sportsman's Park Race Track, Chicago. Informant said track operated by syndicate and Mendino's job was arranging payoffs to local and state politicians for favors received by Sportsman's Park. Mendino alleged also to handle payoff to various local politicians for operation of all illegal handbooks throughout Chicago territory.

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Chicago advised information given by informant furnished to O'Malley who said it was extremely helpful in investigation of killings and resulted in development of sufficient information concerning Mendino's connection to blow Chicago's City Hall completely out of water. O'Malley further advised investigation of Mendino identified a Negro formerly serving on Illinois State Racing Commission Board who is furnishing to police all details as to payoffs. O'Malley advised Chicago Office this person has furnished sufficient information to completely wipe out Representative Dawson.

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cc: Mr. Nichols JGL:mrs

[illegible] Chicago Informant [illegible] -2[illegible]- [illegible] contact[illegible] [illegible] concerning [illegible] to representative of [illegible], which is planning gigantic expose [illegible] in all probability, Governor Stratton.

[illegible] contact [illegible] Office for clarifying information [illegible] erroneously indicated as Republican of 5th District instead of [illegible] 1st District. Chicago teletypes [illegible] and [illegible]-21- [illegible] information [illegible] to [illegible]'s political [illegible] [illegible].

[illegible] connected with racketeers [illegible] been receiving payoffs and [illegible] supported the Communist [illegible] line. ([illegible] dated April 21, 195[illegible], attached.) No information in files indicating that Governor Stratton or [illegible] connected with or receiving payoffs from criminal element.

A [illegible] Pope [illegible] identical with [illegible] involved in instant matter, according to files, are well-known hoodlums and racketeers of Chicago [illegible] have been the subjects of [illegible] investigations.

[illegible], [illegible] identical with [illegible] office [illegible], Chicago. [illegible] information in files indicating [illegible] involved in criminal activities.

<u>[illegible] ACTION:</u>

A memorandum is being prepared for the [illegible] Division of the Department setting forth the pertinent information furnished by Chicago concerning this matter. This memorandum will be cleared [illegible] as to its content prior to transmittal. This is being done in view of the fact that it has been necessary to recontact the Chicago Office as to the accuracy and completeness of the information [illegible] furnished.

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DETAILS:

ASAC Roy Moore of the Chicago Office advised at 5:05 p.m., 4-20-54 that local authorities had been investigating the apparent gangland slaying of Anthony and James Pape. Chief of Detectives John O'Malley, Chicago PD, advised the Chicago Office that according to his investigation these slayings were ordered by Joseph Mendino, alias Joe Crackers, of Lake Forest, Illinois, an old member of the Capone gang and a large stockholder in Sportsman's Park, Chicago.

O'Malley advised the Chicago Office that he then had a Negro in jail who was talking and whose information indicated that Mendino and the racing syndicate have been paying off the Mayor of Chicago, the Governor of Illinois and Congressman William Levi Dawson. According to Moore, a reporter for the "Chicago Sun-Telegraph" was interviewing the police informant forwhich reason he indicated the above information would probably appear in Chicago newspapers 4-21-54. Moore was instructed to submit a teletype containing full details concerning this.

In a teletype dated 4-20-54, Chicago advised that shortly prior to the killing of Anthony Pape, which occurred 4-10-54, his wife overheard him remark that he had to "see 'Cracky' to have things fixed before they got him." In an effort to assist police Chicago criminal informant [redacted], a regularly paid informant, was contacted and she identified Cracky as Joe Mendino, who she described as one of the original members of the old Capone syndicate who had a large financial interest in Sportsman's Park Race Track, Chicago, which track is allegedly operated by a criminal syndicate. b7D

The informant advised Mendino's particular job was to arrange payoffs to both local and state politicians for favors received by Sportsman's Park. It was also alleged that Mendino handled the payoff to various local politicians for the operation of all illegal handbooks throughout the Chicago territory. According to the Chicago teletype this information was furnished to Chief John T. O'Malley, Chicago PD, who advised the Chicago Office on 4-20-54 that the information had been extremely helpful in the investigation of the killings. O'Malley advised the investigation had resulted in the development of sufficient information concerning Mendino's connection to blow Chicago's City Hall completely out of the water. According to the Chicago teletype O'Malley also said that as a result of the investigation of Mendino they had identified a Negro who formerly served on the Illinois State Racing Commission Board who was furnishing all details as to payoffs. O'Malley stated this individual had furnished sufficient information to completely wipe out Republican control of the 5th Congressional District of Illinois and Representative Dawson. O'Malley also stated that this person was then in the county jail and was furnishing information concerning Dawson to a representative of the "Sun-Times" which was planning a gigantic expose of Representative Dawson and in all probability Governor Stratton of Illinois.

It was necessary to recontact the Chicago Office for clarifying information inasmuch as they had indicated Dawson was a Republican and had made reference to Republican control of the 5th Congressional District of Illinois. The Congressional Directory indicates that Dawson is a Democrat from the 1st Congressional District of Illinois. Also, the Chicago Office had merely described O'Malley as Chief John T. O'Malley, Chicago PD, without indicating he was Chief of Detectives and not Chief of the Police Department.

With regard to these matters, the Chicago Office advised by teletype of 4-20-54 that the information as to Dawson's political affiliation as furnished to the office by O'Malley had not been verified by Chicago as to party or district. In a subsequent teletype today, Chicago advised that newspapers in Chicago advised that Dawson is a Democrat from the 1st District of Illinois, which is considered under Democrat control. Chicago advised that the reference to Republican control and the 5th District by Captain O'Malley was an obviously erroneous reference to Dawson of the Democratic 1st District.

The crime survey report of the Chicago Division indicated that Dawson was connected with the policy racket in Chicago and was receiving payoffs. (62-75147-9-62).

The files also reflect that Dawson was the subject of a Bureau bribery investigation in 1946 which involved an allegation that he made an effort to obtain preferred treatment for an official of a Chicago battery company. Prosecution was not authorized in this case.

The files also reflect concerning Dawson that he has been affiliated with 8 organizations cited by the Attorney General and has supported the Communist Party and the Communist Party line. Also, Dawson was criticized in "The Worker" of 5-2-43 for "red baiting" and his support of Congressman Martin Dies. A detailed summary of information concerning Dawson dated 4-21-53 is attached.

The Bureau files do not reflect any information indicating that Governor Stratton or Mayor Kennelly of Chicago are affiliated with the criminal element or have received any payoffs from racketeers.

According to the Bureau files, Joseph Mendino and Anthony Papo, possibly identical with persons involved in instant matter, are well-known Chicago hoodlums and criminal characters. Anthony Papo, FBI #556008, was the subject of a Bureau investigation in 1943

in a case involving the theft of 603 cases of whiskey from the Steffke Freight Company. Insufficient evidence to base prosecution was developed and the case was turned over to the Chicago PD. (62-75147-9-34).

Joseph Mendino, FBI #660627, was the subject of a Bureau investigation in 1934 in a case involving the armed robbery and hijacking of a truck carrying an interstate shipment of eggs from Nebraska to Chicago. He was tried and received a sentence of 3 years in Federal Penitentiary. He was again the subject of a Bureau investigation in 1944 in a National Stolen Property Act case involving the armed robbery of two gamblers at Miami and Miami Beach, Florida. Federal prosecution was declined due to the attitude of the victims and the absence of interstate transportation of the loot. In 1944 Mendino was a subject in a case involving the theft of 250 cases of cigarettes from the Standard Freight Lines, Inc., Chicago, Illinois. No prosecution resulted in this case. On 3-7-45 Mendino was arrested by Bureau Agents at Chicago, Illinois, in connection with the robbery of the Barnetz Bank and Trust Company, Middletown, Ohio, 11-28-44. Mendino was released when he could not be identified as one of the persons who perpetrated this robbery. (87-12304-9-7).

Bureau files reflect that James Pape, apparently identical with victim, who is brother of Anthony Pape, was a post office messenger in Chicago in 1944. No information was located as to his involvement in criminal activities. (15-10151-26).

Identification records for Joseph Mendino, Anthony Pape and James Pape are attached.

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
Police Department Chicago Illinois	Joe Mandrina #C-13824	October 4 1928	robbery	Criminal Court $5000
Police Department Oak Park Illinois	Joseph Mandino #2318	February 27 1933	disorderly conduct	fined $5 and costs
Police Department Evansville Indiana	Joseph Mandrino #5319	April 28 1933	vagrancy	May 6 1933 fined $60 suspended
United States Marshal Chicago Illinois	Joe Mendino #12541	July 5 1934	interstate shipment	3 years Leavenworth
United States Penitentiary Leavenworth Kansas	Joe Mendino #46289	February 9 1935	theft from interstate	3 years July 3 1936 discharged Federal Prison Camp #11 Kooskia Idaho
Federal Prison Camp #11 Kooskia Idaho	Joe Mendino #91-K	July 6 1936 in transfer from United States Penitentiary Leavenworth Kansas	not given	April 29 1937 conditional release
County Jail Chicago Illinois	Joseph Mendino #54523	March 7 1945	bank robbery	March 10 1945 delivered to United States Marshal
United States Marshal Chicago Illinois	Joe Mendino #11326	March 7 1945	bank robbery	April 2 1945 complaint dismissed

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
	As Joseph Mendino #C-91413 Police Department Chicago Illinois general principles.			
	As Joseph Mending #D-59047 Police Department Chicago Illinois general principles.			
	As Joe Mendino County Jail Chicago Illinois 1928 robbery; 1 year.			
	As Joseph Mendino County Jail Chicago Illinois 1929 robbery; 1 year.			
	As Joe Mendrina #C-13824 Police Department Chicago Illinois robbery plea to petty larceny March 14 1929 1 year County Jail and $1			
	Joseph Mendeno #C-39296 June 1 1932 fined $50 and costs VS 2022.			
	As Joseph Mendeno #C-39296 June 1932 no bill robbery.			
	As Joseph Mending #C-91413 Police Department Chicago Illinois July 25 1938 general principles.			
	As Joseph Mending Police Department Chicago Illinois December 1 1938 general principles.			
	As Joseph Mending Police Department Chicago Illinois September 16 1944 general principles.			
	As Joseph Mendino Police Department Chicago Illinois conspiracy October 19 1944 indicted by October Term 1944 Grand Jury.			

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
ederal Bureau of Investigation Chicago Illinois	Joseph Mendino #91-728	March 6 1945	bank robbery	April 2 1945 complaint dismissed
	This case is entered in the Single Fingerprint files of the Bureau under #S 460.			

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
Police Department Chicago Illinois	Tony Pape #C-24804	August 25 1930	accessory before and after the fact robbery	
State Penitentiary Joliet Illinois	Tony Pape #6107	March 25 1932	murder	14 years April 18 1933 returned from writ June 24 1940 discharged
Army Service Forces Army	Anthony Pape #43-CCD-12-FUL	laborer June 22 1943		
Cook County Jail Chicago Illinois	Anthony Pape #45374	November 16 1943	larceny	November 16 1943 bail given M.C.
Cook County Jail Chicago Illinois	Anthony Pape #45674	December 3 1943	larceny etcetera	December 6 1943 bail given C.C.
United States Marshal Chicago Illinois	Anthony Pape #13823	October 11 1946	Alcohol Tax	
Bureau of Narcotics Washington District of Columbia	Anthony Pape #I11-7117	March 16 1954	Federal Narcotic Violation	
United States Marshal Chicago Illinois	Tony Pape #55533	March 17 1954	narcotic violation sale of heroin	
Police Department Chicago Illinois	Anthony Pape #E-4855	March 17 1954	general principles	

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION

* Tony Pape House of Correction Chicago 1 term.
* Tony Pape Saint Charles 1 term.
* Tony Pape Cook County School for Boys 1 term.
* Tony Pape Parental School 1 term.
(the above notations as appearing on print #6107).
* Tony Pape Chicago September 23 1929 larceny
(as on print #C-24804).
* As Tony Pape September 23 1929 turned over to parole Officer of Saint Charles Illinois for violation of parole, larceny of automobile.
* As Tony Durante June 12 1930 probation 1 year petty larceny.
* #C-24804 Tony Pape October 27 1930 stricken off robbery.
* As Tony Pape August 21 1931 fined $50.00 and costs disorderly conduct.
* As Tony Pape September 18 1931 fine $200.00 Violation of Motor Vehicle Law.
* #C-33178 as Tony Pape October 30 1931 30 days House of Correction vagrancy.
* #C-34964 as Tony Pape March 18 1932 sentenced to 14 years Joliet Illinois Penitentiary #6107 murder plea guilty discharged expiration of sentence June 24 1940.
* As Anthony Pape #D-15182 November 29 1941 general principles (as on Police Department Chicago Illinois record sheet).
* As Anthony Pape #D-27114 November 24 1943 indicted by November term 1943 Grand Jury on charge of grand larceny (as on Police Department Chicago Illinois record sheet).

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Military Intelligence Washington District of Columbia (print returned)	Anthony Pape	applicant for laborer Stone and Webster Eng. Corp. Contr. for Kankakee Ord. Works United States of America Joliet Illinois July 10 1941		
Federal Bureau of Investigation Chicago Illinois	Anthony Pape #--	not given (print received January 15 1944	theft from interstate shipment (suspect)	

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
G-2 Army Washington District of Columbia	James Vincent Pape, #13329	Laborer July 1, 1941		
United States Naval Training Station Annex Great Lakes Illinois	James Vincent Pape, #--	applicant January 21, 1942		
Civil Service Commission	James V. Pape	special delivery messenger (finger-printed May 20, 1942)		
Civil Service Commission	James V. Pape	special delivery messenger (finger-printed January 10, 1946)		
Post Office-I	James Vincent Pape #207-POS-8	February 28, 1948	First Assistant, Chicago Illinois	
Police Department Chicago Illinois	James Pape #FP 1545/10	Found shot to death in car (finger-printed April 10, 1954)		

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
*	Admits: 1944, disorderly conduct, Chicago police, discharged.			

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Assistant Attorney General
Warren Olney III

April 26, 1954

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WILLIAM LEVI DAWSON
CONGRESSMAN
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

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I wanted to furnish you with information which our Chicago Division has received concerning Congressman William Levi Dawson of Chicago, Illinois, and others.

Our Chicago Division has advised that local authorities have been investigating the apparent gangland slaying of Anthony and James Pape on April 10, 1954. It was reported that shortly prior to the killing of Anthony Pape, his wife overheard a remark made by him that he had to "see 'Cracky' to have things fixed before they got him."

As a matter of cooperation with the Chicago Police Department, a confidential informant of our Chicago Division was contacted and identified "Cracky" as Joe Mendino. The informant describes Mendino as one of the original members of the old Capone gang and reported that he had a large financial interest in Sportsman's Park Race Track, Chicago. This track, according to the informant, is alleged to be operated by criminal interests. Mendino is said to have had the job of arranging payoffs to local and state politicians for favors received by Sportsman's Park. It was also said that he allegedly handled payoffs to various local politicians for the operation of all illegal handbooks throughout the Chicago territory.

Captain John T. O'Malley, Chief of Detectives of the Chicago Police Department, has advised our Chicago Division that the information furnished by the Bureau's informant has been extremely helpful in the investigation of the killings mentioned above which has resulted in the development of sufficient information concerning Mendino's connection according to O'Malley to "blow Chicago City Hall completely out of the water."

Captain O'Malley has further advised that as a result of their investigation of Mendino, an individual who formerly served on the [redacted] had been identified as [redacted] who furnished details as to payoffs.

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Captain O'Malley originally advised that [redacted] had furnished sufficient information to completely wipe out Representative Dawson. He also advised as of April 20, 1954, [redacted] was in the county jail and was furnishing information concerning Representative Dawson to a representative of the "Sun Times" newspaper, which O'Malley said was planning an expose of Dawson and, in all probability, Governor Stratton of Illinois. It was subsequently ascertained that the "Sun Times" was withholding any expose because the material involved in this matter was too explosive to use without corroboration which is difficult to obtain.

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On April 23, 1954, Lieutenant John Olson, State's Attorney's Police, Cook County, Illinois, and Captain O'Malley advised our Chicago Division that the story given by [redacted] had been furnished to State's Attorney John Gutknecht, Cook County, Illinois, who contemplated no action at the time. Both Lieutenant Olson and Captain O'Malley were of the opinion that some of the facts in [redacted] story are true while others are questionable. Both doubt that any action will be taken in lieu of corroborating evidence. All of the details furnished by [redacted] have not as yet been made available to either Olson or O'Malley.

The Bureau has conducted no investigation concerning this matter and the above is being furnished for your information. You will be advised of any further details of interest which come to the Bureau's attention.

NOTE: The information in this memorandum has been personally cleared with ASAC Roy K. Moore of the Chicago Office except that contained in the next to last paragraph on page 2 which was submitted to the Bureau in Chicago teletype of April 23, 1954.

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U. S. REPRESENTATIVE DAWSON, INFORMATION CONCERNING. RE PHONE CALL INSPECTOR WINTERROWD THIS DATE. LT. JOHN OLSON, STATE-S ATTORNEY-S POLICE, COOK CO., AND CHIEF OF DETECTIVES JOHN O-MALLEY, CG PD, TODAY INFORMED STORY GIVEN BY [redacted] HAS BEEN FURNISHED STATE-S ATTORNEY JOHN GUTKNECHT, COOK CO., WHO DOES NOT CONTEMPLATE ACTION AT THIS TIME. BOTH LT. OLSON AND CHIEF O-MALLEY ARE OF OPINION SOME FACTS IN HIS STORY ARE TRUE AND OTHERS ARE QUESTIONABLE. BOTH DOUBT ANY ACTION IN LIEU OF CORROBORATING EVIDENCE. ALL DETAILS FURNISHED BY [redacted] NOT AVAILABLE TO EITHER OLSON OR O-MALLEY AS YET. IT IS FELT THAT IF SUN TIMES HAS NOT USED INFO FURNISHED BY [redacted] TO DATE THEY ARE FEARFUL OF LIBEL AND BELIEVE MATERIAL MUST BE QUESTIONABLE.

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TO : MR. PRICE

DATE: 4/26/54

CALL 2:40 P.M.
4/23/54

FROM : E. H. WINTERROWD

SUBJECT: WILLIAM LEVI DAWSON
CONGRESSMAN
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

At the above time I spoke to ASAC Moore at Chicago, Illinois, and read to him the proposed memorandum to the Criminal Division in the captioned matter. He stated that it was all very satisfactory with him but at the same time advised that the source making the allegations against Congressman Dawson and others whose name is [redacted] is not believed to be fully reliable by the District Attorney's Office (John Gutknecht) and Chief of Detectives John O'Malley, Chicago Police Department. He thought that in view of this a memorandum should be qualified, particularly since O'Malley as well as Lieutenant John Olson, who is assigned to the State's Attorney's Office, are skeptical of [redacted] story.

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Moore was told to submit a teletype in this matter and set out full details so that the memorandum to the Department could be properly worded.

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PERSONAL ATTENTION

UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE DAWSON, INFORMATION CONCERNING.

THERE IS ATTACHED A COPY OF A SELF-EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM FROM ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL OLNEY OF THE CRIMINAL DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT DATED APRIL 28, 1954, IN WHICH HE REQUESTS THAT CAPTAIN O'MALLEY BE ASKED TO FURNISH THE BUREAU WITH A COPY OF THE STATEMENTS MADE BY [redacted] b7D IN THIS MATTER OR THAT CAPTAIN O'MALLEY ADVISE OF THEIR SUBSTANCE. CAPTAIN O'MALLEY SHOULD BE IMMEDIATELY CONTACTED FOR THIS INFORMATION AND YOU SHOULD ADVISE THE BUREAU OF THE RESULTS NOT LATER THAN MAY 5, 1954.

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TO : Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

DATE: April 28, 1954

FROM : Warren Olney III, Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division

WO:mab

SUBJECT: William Levi Dawson
Congressman
Chicago, Illinois

51-23-127

Reference is made to your memorandum of April 26, 1954 on the above subject in which mention is made of information being furnished by one [redacted] to Captain John T. O'Malley, Chief of Detectives of the Chicago Police Department and also to the "Chicago Sun Times".

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In view of the assistance which was rendered by the FBI to the Chicago Police Department in connection with their investigation of this matter it would seem to be appropriate for agents of the Bureau to request Captain O'Malley to furnish the Bureau with a copy of the statements made by [redacted] or, at least, to advise the Bureau of their substance. This would appear appropriate inasmuch as revelations of the extensive nature suggested, if true, would in all probability disclose numerous violations of federal law, some of which may well be within the Bureau's investigative jurisdiction.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Transmit the following ~~Teletype~~ AIRTEL message to:

FBI, CHICAGO (94-547) MAY 5, 1954

DIRECTOR, FBI (AM)

U. S. REPRESENTATIVE DAWSON, INFORMATION CONCERNING. REBUAIRTEL 4/30/54. CHIEF OF DETECTIVES O'MALLEY RECONTACTED PER REAIRTEL AND ADVISED THAT HIS DEPARTMENT NOT IN POSSESSION OF WRITTEN STATEMENTS OF [redacted] INASMUCH AS [redacted] IN CUSTODY AND CONTROL OF COOK COUNTY STATE'S ATTORNEY JOHN A. GUTKNECHT. GUTKNECHT CONTACTED AND ADVISED THAT [redacted] HAD GIVEN SEVERAL STATEMENTS TO MEMBERS OF HIS OFFICE. HE ADVISED THAT THESE STATEMENTS MADE BY [redacted] CONCERNED ALLEGATIONS AGAINST SEVERAL IMPORTANT PEOPLE AND AGAINST MEMBERS OF HIS OWN STAFF. GUTKNECHT ADVISED THAT HE HAD CAUSED AN INVESTIGATION TO BE MADE OF THE CHARGES AGAINST HIS STAFF AND HAD FOUND THEM UNFOUNDED AND THEREFORE PLACED NO RELIANCE ON ANY OF THE ALLEGATIONS MADE BY [redacted] GUTKNECHT FURTHER ADVISED THAT HE RECALLED THAT [redacted] IN ONE OF HIS STATEMENTS HAD MADE CERTAIN ALLEGATIONS AGAINST U. S. REPRESENTATIVE DAWSON, THE PARTICULARS OF WHICH HE COULD NOT RECALL, BUT THAT HE WOULD MAKE HIS FILE CONCERNING THESE ALLEGATIONS AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW BY THIS OFFICE. HE ASSIGNED SAMUEL PAPANEK, HIS ASSISTANT AND THE ONE WHO HAD TAKEN THE STATEMENTS FROM [redacted] TO ASSIST AN AGENT OF THIS OFFICE. THE AGENT WAS PERMITTED TO REVIEW THE STATEMENT MADE BY [redacted] CONCERNING ALLEGATIONS AGAINST CERTAIN POLICE OFFICERS OF THE CHICAGO POLICE DEPARTMENT BUT WAS NOT ALLOWED

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Transmit the following Teletype message to:

TO REVIEW THE STATEMENTS CONCERNING THE STATE'S ATTORNEY'S OFFICE. [redacted] IN HIS STATEMENT CONCERNING CHICAGO HE ALLEGES THAT DURING THE PERIOD WHEN [redacted] NEITHER THIS STATEMENT NOR ANY OF THE GENERAL INFORMATION SET OUT HEREINAFTER AS ALLEGED BY [redacted] HAS BEEN VERIFIED BY THIS OFFICE. [redacted] ALLEGED THAT HE [redacted] LOCATED ON SOUTH SIDE OF CHICAGO IN NEGRO DISTRICT IN 1952. HE ALLEGED THAT HE [redacted] HAROLD PARKER WHOM HE DESCRIBED AS A BIG POWER IN FIFTH POLICE DISTRICT WHO ARRANGED FOR THE OPERATION OF NUMEROUS OTHER GAMBLING GAMES AND POLICY OPERATIONS. [redacted] IN HIS STATEMENT [redacted] OF THESE PLACES TO BE TURNED OVER TO TWO POLICE OFFICERS, CHARLES HERRING AND GEORGE SMITH, BOTH NEGRO OFFICERS, WORKING OUT OF THE POLICE COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE ON SPECIAL DETAIL TO INVESTIGATE VICE IN NEGRO DISTRICT. AS TO THE STATEMENT MADE BY [redacted] AGAINST GUTKNECHT'S STAFF, PAPANEK ADVISED THAT THEY CONCERNED ONLY THOSE INDIVIDUALS WHO HAD PARTICIPATED IN THE ARREST AND PROSECUTION OF [redacted] AND THAT HIS, PAPANEK'S, INVESTIGATION OF THESE CHARGES HAD SHOWN THEM TO BE UNFOUNDED AND LED HIM TO BELIEVE THAT NO FAITH COULD

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Transmit the following Teletype message to:

BE PLACED IN ANYTHIN [redacted] SAID. HOWEVER, THIS STATEMENT WAS NOT EXHIBITED TO AGENT. AFTER A COMPLETE SEARCH OF THE [redacted] FILE BY PAPANEK HE ADVISED THAT HE COULD FIND NO STATEMENT MADE BY [redacted] MENTIONING REP. DAWSON. HE STATED THAT IT WAS HIS IMPRESSION THAT ONE HAD BEEN MADE BY [redacted] TO HIM AND THAT IT HAD BEEN REDUCED TO WRITING BUT THAT ON FURTHER REFLECTION HE REMEMBERED THAT THE STATEMENTS MADE BY [redacted] CONCERNING DAWSON HAD BEEN MADE AFTER HE HAD CONCLUDED HIS INVESTIGATION OF THE GUTKNECHT STAFF CHARGES AND BECAUSE OF HIS LOSS OF FAITH IN WHAT [redacted] SAID DID NOT REDUCE IT TO WRITING. PAPANEK ADVISED THAT HE RECALLED THAT [redacted] STATEMENT AS TO REP. DAWSON WAS VERY GENERAL AND AMOUNTED ONLY TO THE ALLEGATION THAT [redacted] HAD ACTED AS COLLECTION MAN FOR DAWSON. PAPANEK ADVISED THAT [redacted] WAS NOT SPECIFIC AS TO WHAT HE COLLECTED FOR AND GAVE NO NAMES, AMOUNTS, DATES OR REASON FOR COLLECTIONS. PAPANEK ADVISED THAT [redacted] HAD BEEN INTERVIEWED SEVERAL TIMES BY NEWSPAPERMEN AND THAT HE HAD NO KNOWLEDGE OF WHAT [redacted] HAD TOLD THEM. HOWEVER, IT WAS POSSIBLE THAT HE HAD FURNISHED THEM MORE DETAILED INFORMATION. PAPANEK OFFERED TO MAKE [redacted] AVAILABLE FOR INTERVIEW BY THIS OFFICE. UACB THIS WILL NOT BE DONE NOR WILL ANY NEWSPAPER SOURCE BE APPROACHED FOR INFORMATION OBTAINED BY THEM. NO FURTHER INQUIRY BY THIS OFFICE, UACB.

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cc Mr. Leggett

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Special Agent in Charge

Assistant Attorney General
Warren Olney III

May 10, 1954

Director, FBI

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SE 27 WILLIAM LEVI DAWSON,
CONGRESSMAN,
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Reference is made to your memorandum dated April 28, 1954, your file 51-23-127, (WO:mab), concerning captioned matter.

I wanted to furnish you with information which our Chicago, Illinois, Division has received pursuant to your instructions in referenced memorandum.

Chief of Detectives John O'Malley, Chicago Police Department, was recontacted and he advised that his department was not in possession of the written statements of [redacted] inasmuch as [redacted] is in custody and control of Cook County State's Attorney John A. Gutknecht. b7D

State's Attorney Gutknecht was contacted and he advised that [redacted] had given several statements to members of his office and that these statements made by [redacted] concerned allegations against several important people and against members of Gutknecht's own staff.

Gutknecht further asserted that he had caused an investigation to be made of the charges against his staff and he determined that these charges were unfounded and, therefore, he placed no reliance on any of the allegations made by [redacted]

Gutknecht further advised that he recalled that [redacted] in one of his statements, had made certain allegations against U. S. Representative William Levi Dawson, the particulars of which he could not recall, but stated he would make his file concerning these allegations available for review by the Chicago Division of this Bureau. He assigned Samuel Papanek, his assistant and the one who had taken the statements from [redacted] to assist an Agent of our Chicago Division.

An Agent of our Chicago Division was permitted to review the statement made by [redacted] concerning allegations against certain police officers of the Chicago Police Department but was not allowed to review the statements concerning the State's Attorney's Office.

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[redacted] in his statement concerning the Chicago Police Department, alleged that during the period when acting as [redacted] alleged further that he [redacted] located on the south side of Chicago in the Negro district in 1952. He alleged that [redacted] Harold Parker whom he described as a big power in the Fifth Police District in Chicago, Illinois, who arranged for the operation of numerous other gambling games and policy operations. [redacted] be turned over to two police officers, Charles Herring and George Smith, both Negro officers working out of the Chicago Police Commissioner's Office on special detail to investigate vice in the Negro district.

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As to the statement made by [redacted] against Gutknecht's staff, Papanek advised that they concerned only those individuals who had participated in the arrest and prosecution of [redacted] on a [redacted] and that his, Papanek's, investigation of these charges had shown them to be unfounded and led him to believe that no faith could be placed in anything [redacted] said. However, this statement of [redacted] was not exhibited to our Agent.

After a complete search of [redacted] file by Papanek, he advised that he could find no statement made by [redacted] mentioning U. S. Representative Dawson. He stated that it was his impression that one had been made by [redacted] to him and that it had been reduced to writing, but that on further reflection, Papanek remembered that the statements made by [redacted] concerning Dawson had been made after he had concluded his investigation of the Gutknecht staff charges and because of his loss of faith in what [redacted] said, Papanek did not reduce it to writing.

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Papanek advised that he recalled that [redacted] statement as to U. S. Representative Dawson was very general and amounted only to the allegation that [redacted] had acted as [redacted] for Dawson. Papanek advised that [redacted] was

not specific as to what he collected for and gave no names, amounts, dates or reasons for the collections.

Papanek offered to make [redacted] available for interview by our Chicago Office. b7D

Our Chicago Office has not verified any of the allegations made nor has our Chicago Office conducted any other investigations concerning this matter.

Your advice is requested as to whether you desire any further investigation concerning this matter.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Rosen

DATE: May 7, 1954

FROM : Mr. Price

SUBJECT: WILLIAM LEVI DAWSON
U. S. REPRESENTATIVE (Democrat)
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

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This memorandum is furnished to inform you of the results of contacts made by our Chicago Division pursuant to instructions in a memorandum from Assistant Attorney General Warren Olney III dated April 28, 1954, regarding captioned individual.

A memorandum was furnished to you dated April 21, 1954, with regard to information which an informant furnished the Chicago Police Department indicating that the racing sydnicate in Illinois has been paying off U. S. Congressman William Levi Dawson of Chicago, the Governor of Illinois and the Mayor of Chicago. This memorandum further advised that Chief of Detectives John O'Malley, Chicago Police Department, advised our Chicago Office that an informant had furnished sufficient information to completely wipe out Congressman Dawson. The informant was identified as [redacted] who formerly served on the [redacted] This information was developed during the course of an investigation conducted by the Chicago Police Department in connection with the apparent gangland slaying of Anthony and James Pape on April 10, 1954.

The above information was furnished to Assistant Attorney General Olney by memorandum dated 4/26/54. Pursuant to Assistant Attorney General Olney's request to obtain any statements by [redacted] our Chicago Division recontacted Chief of Detectives O'Malley, Chicago Police Department, and he advised that his department was not in possession of written statements of [redacted] inasmuch as [redacted] was in custody and control of Cook County State's Attorney John A. Gutknecht. b7D

Gutknecht was contacted and he advised that [redacted] had given several statements to members of his office and that these statements concerned allegations against several important people and against members of his own staff. Gutknecht asserted that he had caused an

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cc-Mr. Nichols
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Memo to Mr. Rosen

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the attached memorandum be forwarded to Assistant Attorney General Warren Olney III advising him of the results of our contact with the Chicago Police Department and the State's Attorney's Office pursuant to his request contained in his memorandum dated April 28, 1954, mentioned hereinabove, and also requesting whether Mr. Olney desires any further investigation.

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SAC, CHICAGO

UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE DAWSON, INFORMATION CONCERNING, CRIMINAL SECTION, INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION. THERE IS ATTACHED A COPY OF A SELF-EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM FROM ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL OLNEY OF THE CRIMINAL DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT DATED MAY 14, 1954, IN WHICH HE REQUESTS THE BUREAU TO INTERVIEW [redacted] FOR THE PURPOSE OF OBTAINING FROM HIM ALL PERTINENT INFORMATION HE MAY HAVE INDICATING A POSSIBLE VIOLATION OF FEDERAL LAW ON THE PART OF CONGRESSMAN DAWSON. THIS INTERVIEW SHOULD BE MADE IMMEDIATELY AND THE BUREAU FURNISHED WITH THE RESULTS NOT LATER THAN MAY 25, 1954.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

DATE: May 14, 1954

FROM : Warren Olney III, Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division

WO:JWY:mah

SUBJECT: William Levi Dawson, Congressman, Chicago, Illinois

51-23-127

This is in reply to your memorandum of May 10, 1954, in which you set forth the results of your interviews with persons in the State's Attorney's Office of Cook County, Illinois. You will recall that it was said that [redacted] who is in the custody and control of the State's Attorney had made allegations against Congressman William Levi Dawson but that [redacted] statement in that regard was never reduced to writing.

Since the Cook County State's Attorney's office offered to make [redacted] available to you for interview, it is requested that representatives of your Bureau interview Mr. [redacted] for the purpose of obtaining from him all pertinent information he may have that might indicate a possible violation of Federal law on the part of Congressman Dawson.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Rosen

DATE: June 8, 1954

FROM : Mr. Price

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SUBJECT: WILLIAM LEVI DAWSON
UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE (DEMOCRAT)
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

SYNOPSIS:

This is to advise you that Agents of the Chicago Office pursuant to a request received from Mr. Olney of the Department have interviewed [redacted] concerning allegations made by him against Congressman William Levi Dawson (D-Illinois) of Chicago, Illinois.

By way of background, our Chicago Office advised on April 20, 1954, that Captain O'Malley of the Chicago Police Department had furnished information he received from an informant, [redacted] concerning payoffs to Congressman Dawson, the Governor of Illinois, and the Mayor of Chicago. We furnished this information to Mr. Olney by memorandum of April 26, 1954.

By memorandum of April 28, 1954, Mr. Olney requested that we contact Captain O'Malley to get a copy of the statements made by [redacted] or to be advised of their substance. Captain O'Malley was recontacted and he advised he had no written statement made by [redacted] and that [redacted] was in the custody of the Cook County State's Attorney, John A. Gutknecht. Gutknecht made available statements made by [redacted] to members of his office and these concerned allegations of payoffs to Chicago police. No statement concerning Dawson made by [redacted] was located. Gutknecht and his assistant recall that [redacted] had made allegations against Dawson but did not remember the details and said they had not been reduced to writing. b7D

We advised the Department of the results of these contacts by memorandum of May 10, 1954. By memorandum of May 14, 1954, received in the Criminal Section, Investigative Division, May 17, 1954, Mr. Olney requested that we interview [redacted] was transferred from Cook County to the [redacted] and was not available for interview until June 1, 1954. He was interviewed on that date and furnished the following information.

[redacted] second and third wards in Chicago from approximately 1950 until a year and a half ago. [redacted] to police officers Charles Herring

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and George Smith who worked out of the office of the Commissioner of Police and that he also made payoffs to Captain Bluitt of the Fifth Police District and to Congressman Dawson. He said that the payoff from policy operations varied from $500 to $2,000 per month, and that the payoff for card games and dice games ranged from $100 to $500 a month. The total payoff averaged approximately $30,000 a month. [redacted] alleged that approximately $8,000 of this went to the office of the Commissioner of Police, approximately $4,000 to the other various officers of the Fifth Police District, and the remaining $18,000 to Congressman Dawson's office. He said it was his understanding that the Congressman retained approximately $10,000 of this money and passed on approximately $8,000 to Richard Daley, described as chairman of the Cook County Democratic Organization. [redacted] said he did not believe that Police Commissioner Timothy O'Connor received any of the money or knew that the payoff was being made.

[redacted] said that he had never made a payoff directly to Congressman Dawson but had always paid the money to his secretary, Jim Casey. The payoffs were made in Congressman Dawson's office at 3518 South State Street, Chicago.

[redacted] also alleged that he had heard reports that job seekers could obtain jobs through payment of a fee to Congressman Dawson. He related that during 1950 Irving S. Mollison, a member of the Board of Education of Chicago, told [redacted] that he wanted to become a judge and that it would take $10,000 to Congressman Dawson to get the appointment. [redacted] said that shortly thereafter that Mollison was appointed as a judge on the United States Court of Claims and that he resides in New York City. [redacted] said he had no proof that Mollison would pay Congressman Dawson and was basing his stories on statements made to him by Mollison. b7D

[redacted] declined to reduce his statements to writing.

The Congressional Directory of February, 1954, does not reflect that anyone by the name of Mollison is a member of the Court of Claims. However, Irvin C. Mollison, who may possibly be identical, is shown as a member of the United States Customs Court at 201 Varick Street, New York City.

In September, 1945, at the then Attorney General's request, we conducted an investigation of Irvin Charles Mollison who was under consideration for appointment to the United States Customs Court. This investigation reflected that Mollison was highly regarded by fellow Chicago attorneys who were contacted. He was apparently active in affairs of the Chicago Civil Liberties Committee, the National Association

for the Advancement of Colored People, and was reported to be a member of the National Lawyers Guild. The report reflecting the results of this investigation contains a statement that nothing derogatory was developed concerning Hollison. There was no reference to Congressman Dawson in this report. This investigation was begun on September 28, and was concluded on September 29, 1945. The results were furnished to the then Attorney General in a memorandum dated October 1, 1945, and a copy of the investigative report was sent to former Assistant Attorney General McGranery on October 22, 1945.

It is noted that both Captain O'Malley of the Chicago Police Department and Lieutenant John Olson of the State's Attorney's Police of Cook County, Illinois, advised Agents of the Chicago Office on April 23, 1954, in connection with [redacted] allegations of payoffs to Representative Dawson and others that they were of the opinion some of the facts in [redacted] story were true and others were questionable. Furthermore, Cook County State's Attorney John A. Gutknecht when making [redacted] statements available to our Agents, advised that [redacted] had made allegations against members of his staff who had participated in the arrest and prosecution of [redacted] Gutknecht said investigation of these charges had shown them to be unfounded and had led him to believe no faith could be placed in anything [redacted] said. These two observations as to [redacted] creditability were furnished to Mr. Olney in our memoranda of April 26 and May 10, 1954.

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Chicago advises [redacted] prison history from a previous confinement in 1948 reveals he was employed before that conviction [redacted] Prison records reflect that during 1948 [redacted] was considered by the Reclassification Board of the Illinois Penitentiary and was afforded a psychiatric examination, the results of which reflect the notation "without psychosis or mental defect, egocentric personality, average intelligence." Reclassification Board records reflect [redacted] known to boast about past criminal connections and for that reason not popular with other inmates. This record reflects [redacted], and claims one year of college education. He was convicted [redacted] in the Criminal Court of Cook County, Illinois, of conspiracy to defraud and was sentenced to serve a term of one to five years.

RECOMMENDATION:

If you approve, it is recommended that we forward the attached memorandum to Mr. Olney advising him of the results of our interview with [redacted] and requesting advice as to whether he desires any further investigation.

DETAILS

This is to advise you that pursuant to the request of Mr. Olney, our Chicago Office interviewed [redacted] on June 1, 1954, at the Illinois State Penitentiary, Joliet, Illinois, concerning allegations that United States Representative Dawson had received payoffs in connection with gambling activities in Chicago, Illinois.

By way of background, the Chicago Office advised on April 20, 1954, that information had been received from Captain John O'Malley, Chief of Detectives, who in turn had gotten his information from an informant to the effect that gambling operators in Chicago had been paying off United States Congressman William Levi Dawson of Chicago, the Governor of Illinois, and the Mayor of Chicago. The informant of O'Malley was identified as one [redacted] formerly with the [redacted] This information was developed during an investigation by the Chicago Police Department into the apparent gangland slaying of Anthony and James Pape at Chicago on April 10, 1954.

The details of this information were furnished to Mr. Olney by memorandum dated April 26, 1954. By memorandum of April 28, 1954, he requested that we ask Captain O'Malley to furnish the Bureau with a copy of the statements made by [redacted] or to be advised of their substance. Captain O'Malley was contacted and he advised that his department did not have any written statement from [redacted] inasmuch as [redacted] was in the custody and control of Cook County State's Attorney John A. Gutknecht. Mr. Gutknecht, when contacted, advised that [redacted] had given several statements to members of his office and he recalled that some of these allegations had been made against Representative Dawson. Agents were permitted to review the file containing [redacted] statements and it was [redacted] ing to this file, [redacted] alleged he had made payoffs to two Chicago police officers. The file did not contain any statement made by [redacted] mentioning Representative Dawson. Both Mr. Gutknecht and his assistant, Samuel Papanek, who interviewed [redacted] recalled that he made allegations against Representative Dawson. These allegations had not been reduced to writing and they could not recall the details of them.

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This information was furnished to Mr. Olney by memorandum dated May 10, 1954. By memorandum dated May 14, 1954, which was received in the Criminal Section of the Investigative Division May 17, 1954, Mr. Olney requested that we interview [redacted] for any information he might have indicating a possible violation of Federal law on the part of Congressman Dawson. [redacted] was [redacted] on May 17, 1954. He was placed in quarantine for two weeks and was not

available for interview until June 1, 1954.

He was interviewed on that date by Agents of the Chicago Office and he advised that in approximately 1950 he became connected [redacted] in Chicago, and attained [redacted] Chris C. Wimbish until Wimbish was replaced approximately a year and a half ago. [redacted] said one of his duties while in this position was [redacted] He claimed [redacted] Harold Parker who is married to the sister-in-law of Police Captain Kinzie Bluitt of the Fifth Police District, who maintains his position through affiliation with Congressman Dawson. [redacted] alleged he made collections from various gambling interests and made payoffs to police officers Charles Herring and George Smith of the office of the Commissioner of Police in Chicago, in addition to payoffs to Captain Bluitt as well as Congressman Dawson. [redacted] said no gambling operation could be set up without approval from the Commissioner's office. He stated that payoffs were arranged on a percentage basis and that they ranged from $500 to $2,000 per month from the various policy operations depending on their volume. Payoffs from card and dice games ranged from $100 a month up to $500. He estimated payoffs averaged approximately $30,000 a month. He said that approximately $8,000 of this went to the Commissioner's office, approximately $4,000 to the various offices of the Fifth Police District and the remaining $18,000 to Congressman Dawson's office.

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[redacted] said he never made a direct payment to Congressman Dawson but that all payments were made to a person by the name of Jim Casey, secretary of the Congressman. He stated these payments were made to Casey in Congressman Dawson's office at 3518 South State Street, Chicago. [redacted] said he had never paid any money directly to Congressman Dawson; however, he feels certain that the money he paid to Casey was turned over to Dawson. [redacted] explained this belief by stating than when Wimbish was removed as the third ward committeeman approximately a year and a half ago and replaced by Ralph Metcalf, that Casey told him, [redacted] that he was taking over [redacted] job. [redacted] related that he told Casey he would not accept his word about this until he was told so by the Congressman. On the night following this incident, [redacted] said he received a call from Congressman Dawson to meet him at third ward headquarters and that at that meeting Congressman Dawson told him that Casey was taking over from him in the matter of collections.

[redacted] said that Casey made collections for about two months but that the police protested so bitterly that Casey was removed and [redacted] said it was his understanding that of the payoff money paid to the Congressman's office, the Congressman retains approximately $10,000 per month and passes on approximately $8,000 a month to Richard Daley whom [redacted] described as chairman of the Cook County Democratic Organization. [redacted] said it is his belief that of the money paid to the police officer operating from the office of the Commissioner of Police, none was given to Police

Commissioner Timothy O'Connor. [redacted] said he feels that O'Connor is honest and is not aware of the payoff. [redacted] said that the money paid to the Commissioner's office goes to Captain Balswick.

[redacted] alleged that these arrangements for operating gambling within the Fifth Police District have been going on for approximately four or five years.

He stated that he had no dealings with Congressman Dawson in the sale of Federal office but that he understands from talking to various individuals within the First Congressional District of Illinois that Civil Service status is attainable through Dawson for a fee.

[redacted] alleged that this was operated in the following manner. Job seekers contact Dawson for Federal employment and are advised by Dawson that he does not know what can be done but that he will get in touch with the job seeker later and let him know what his prospects are. No approach is made at that time for the contribution of a fee; however, later a third party represents himself as being sent by Dawson, and contacts the job seeker and indicates that upon payment of a certain sum of money the job can be obtained. [redacted] said he had no personal knowledge of this operation and that his statements are based solely on hearsay. He mentioned one occasion when he was with Irving S. Mollison during 1950 when Mollison was on the Board of Education of Chicago. He was driving with Mollison from the north side of Chicago and during the drive Mollison stated it took a lot of money to become a judge. [redacted] said Mollison stated that it would take $10,000 to Congressman Dawson to get Mollison before the president for appointment to a judgeship. [redacted] did not pursue this conversation but several weeks later he saw Mollison again and Mollison indicated he had decided he wanted to become a judge. [redacted] said that shortly thereafter Mollison was appointed as a judge on the United States Court of Claims and that he believes that Mollison is in New York City and is now a judge on this court. [redacted] said he had no proof that Mollison would pay any money to Congressman Dawson but based his stories on the statements made to him by Mollison. [redacted] said he had no other information concerning his connection with Congressman Dawson. He refused to reduce his statements to writing. b7D

The Congressional Directory of February, 1954, does not reflect that anyone by the name of Mollison is a judge of the United States Court of Claims. Irvin C. Mollison, who may possibly be identical, is a judge of the United States Customs Court which is located at 201 Varick Street, New York City.

(See next page)

It is noted that both Captain O'Malley of the Chicago Police Department and Lieutenant John Olson of the State's Attorney's Police of Cook County, Illinois, advised Agents of the Chicago Office on April 23, 1954, in connection with Murphy's allegations of payoffs to Representative Dawson and others that they were of the opinion some of the facts in [redacted] story were true and others were questionable. Furthermore, Cook County State's Attorney John A. Gutknecht when making [redacted] statements available to our Agents, advised that [redacted] had made allegations against members of his staff who had participated in the arrest and prosecution of [redacted] Gutknecht said investigation of these charges had shown them to be unfounded and had led him to believe no faith could be placed in anything Murphy said. These two observations as to [redacted] creditability were furnished to Mr. Olney in our memoranda of April 26 and May 10, 1954.

Chicago advises [redacted] prison history from a previous confinement in 1948 reveals he was employed before that conviction [redacted] of Al Capone, notorious Chicago hoodlum. Prison records reflect that during 1948 [redacted] was considered by [redacted] b7D for that reason not popular with other inmates. This record reflects [redacted] was born [redacted] at Memphis, Tennessee, and claims one year of college education. He was convicted [redacted] in the Criminal Court of Cook County, Illinois, [redacted]

In September, 1945, at the then Attorney General's request, we conducted an investigation of Irvin Charles Mollison who was under consideration for appointment to the United States Customs Court. This investigation reflected that Mollison was highly regarded by fellow Chicago attorneys who were contacted. He was apparently active in affairs of the Chicago Civil Liberties Committee, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and was reported to be a member of the National Lawyers Guild. The report reflecting the results of this investigation contains a statement that nothing derogatory was developed concerning Mollison. There was no reference to Congressman Dawson in this report. This investigation was begun on September 28, and was concluded on September 29, 1945. The results were furnished to the then Attorney General in a memorandum dated October 1, 1945, and a copy of the investigative report was sent to former Assistant Attorney General McGranery on October 22, 1945.

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FBI, CHICAGO (94-547) MAY 25, 1954

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Assistant Attorney General
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June 9, 1954

Director, FBI

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WILLIAM LEVI DAWSON, CONGRESSMAN
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Reference is made to your memorandum dated May 14, 1954, your file 51-23-127 WO:JWY, in which you requested that we interview [redacted] for the purpose of obtaining from him all pertinent information he might have indicating a possible violation of Federal law on the part of Congressman Dawson.

Our Chicago Office advised that [redacted] was transferred from [redacted] to serve a sentence following his [redacted] He was quarantined and not available for interview until June 1, 1954. On that day he was interviewed by Agents of our Chicago Office and furnished information concerning his association with Dawson but declined to reduce his statements to writing.

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[redacted] advised that upon his release from the Illinois State Penitentiary, in approximately 1950, he became connected with the Third Ward Democratic Organization in Chicago. He said that he attained the position of Ward Supervisor in the Third Ward and worked directly under State Senator Chris C. Wimbish until Wimbish was replaced as Ward Committeeman by Ralph Metcalf approximately one and one-half years ago. He stated that he had been associated with Congressman Dawson for approximately four to five years in his political capacity in the Third Ward which is a part of Congressman Dawson's First Congressional District.

[redacted] advised that one of his duties while serving with this organization was to collect and handle payoffs from various policy operations and other gambling establishments within both the Second and Third Wards which comprised the major part of the Fifth Police District on the south side of the city of Chicago. He said he attained this position through one Harold Parker, who is married to the sister-in-law of Police Captain Kinzie Bluitt, who is in charge of the Fifth Police District and who, in turn, maintains his position through affiliation with Congressman Dawson.

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Police Officers Charles Herrin and George Smith, who worked out of the office of the Commissioner of Police in the city of Chicago and the payoff also to Captain Bluitt as well as to Congressman Dawson. He alleged that gambling operations had to first be cleared with the police officers from the commissioner's office. He alleged that payoffs were arranged on a percentage basis with the payoff from the policy operations varying from $500 to $2,000 per month depending on the volume while payoffs for card and dice games ranged from $100 to $500 a month. [redacted] estimated that he averaged approximately $30,000 a month in payoffs. He said that approximately $8,000 of this went to the commissioner's office, approximately $4,000 to the various officers of the Fifth Police District and the remaining $18,000 to Congressman Dawson's Office.

[redacted] said it was his understanding that Congressman Dawson retains approximately $10,000 per month of the payoff and passes on approximately $8,000 a month to Richard Daley, who [redacted] described as Chairman of the Cook County Democratic Organization. Murphy said it was his belief that Police Commissioner Timothy O'Connor was not receiving any of the payoff money and was unaware that a payoff was being made. He said that the money paid to the police officers of the commissioner's office went to Captain Balswick. b7D

[redacted] said he had never made a direct payment to Congressman Dawson but that all payments were made to Jim Casey, described as secretary to Congressman Dawson. He said these payments to Casey were made in Congressman Dawson's Office at 3518 South State Street, Chicago. [redacted] stated, however, that he feels certain that the payoff money he gave to Casey was in turn paid to Dawson. He stated that at the time Wimbish was removed as Third Ward Committeeman, Jim Casey told him, [redacted] that he was taking over [redacted] said he told Casey he would not relinquish his position until told to do so by the Congressman. According to [redacted] on the following night he received a call from Congressman Dawson to meet him at the Third Ward Headquarters and at this meeting Dawson told him that Casey was [redacted]

[redacted] said that the above arrangements for the operation of gambling within the Fifth Police District have been going on, to his personal knowledge, for approximately four to five years.

He stated that he has had no dealings whatsoever with Congressman Dawson in connection with the sale of any Federal office. However, he stated that he understands from talking to various individuals within the First Congressional District that Civil Service status is attainable through Congressman Dawson for a fee. [redacted] alleged that this was arranged by the job seeker contacting Congressman Dawson, who would advise the individual that he did not know what could be done but would take his telephone number, saying he would contact him later. At a later time a third party, representing himself as being sent by the Congressman, would call on the job seeker and indicate that for payment of a certain sum of money a job could be obtained. [redacted] stated that he had no personal knowledge whatsoever of this operation and that the above information was based solely upon hearsay.

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He said that on one occasion, in 1950, when he was returning from the north side of Chicago with Irving S. Mollison, then a member of the Board of Education of the city of Chicago, that Mollison mentioned to him that it took a lot of money to become a judge. [redacted] alleged that Mollison said it would take $10,000 to Congressman Dawson to get his, Mollison's, name before the President for appointment to a judgeship. [redacted] said several weeks later he saw Mollison who told him that he had decided he wanted to become a judge and that shortly thereafter Mollison was appointed as a judge on the United States Court of Claims. He said that Mollison resides in New York and is a judge on the United States Court of Claims. [redacted] said he had no proof whatsoever that Mollison would, in fact, pay Congressman Dawson any money and that he is relying solely upon statements made by Mollison to him.

[redacted] stated he had no other information to furnish concerning his connection with Congressman Dawson.

The Congressional Directory of February, 1954, does not indicate that any person by the name of Mollison is a member of the United States Court of Claims. However, Irvin C. Mollison is shown as a judge of the United States Customs Court which is situated at 201 Varick Street, New York City.

Our files reflect that at the request of the then Attorney General the Bureau conducted an investigation of Irvin Charles Mollison of Chicago, Illinois, in September, 1945.

This investigation was conducted inasmuch as Hollison was under consideration for appointment to the United States Customs Court. A memorandum reflecting information developed during this investigation was furnished to the then Attorney General under date of October 1, 1945, and a report of the investigation was furnished to then Assistant Attorney General McGranery on October 22, 1945.

Our Chicago Office has advised that the record of a previous confinement for [redacted] in 1948 reveals that he was employed before [redacted] notorious Chicago hoodlum. During 1948 he was considered by the Reclassification Board of the Illinois Penitentiary, at which time he was given a psychiatric examination, the results of which reflect the notation "without psychosis or mental defect, egocentric personality, average intelligence." The Reclassification Board review reflected that [redacted] is known to boast about past criminal connections and for that reason is not popular with the other inmates. The records indicate that [redacted] was born [redacted] at Memphis, Tennessee, and lists one year of college education. He was convicted on March 19, 1954, in the Criminal Court of Cook County, Illinois, [redacted]

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Our Chicago Office has not verified any of the allegations contained herein and has conducted no other investigation concerning this matter.

Your advice is requested as to whether you desire any further investigation concerning this matter.

Assistant Attorney General
Warren Olney III

July 1, 1954

Director, FBI

WILLIAM LEVI DAWSON, CONGRESSMAN
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Reference is made to my memorandum of June 9, 1954, furnishing you information concerning the captioned individual and requesting your advice as to whether you desire any further investigation concerning this matter.

Your advice in this matter would be appreciated.

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July 19, 1954

Director, FBI

WILLIAM LEVI DAWSON, CONGRESSMAN,
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Reference is made to our memorandum dated June 9, 1954, furnishing you information concerning the captioned individual and requesting your advice as to whether you desire any further investigation concerning this matter.

An early reply to our memorandum of June 9, 1954, will be appreciated.

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August 4, 1954

Director, FBI

WILLIAM LEVI DAWSON, CONGRESSMAN,
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Reference is made to my memorandum of June 9, 1954, furnishing you information concerning the captioned individual and requesting your advice as to whether any further investigation was desired in this matter. Your attention is also invited to my memoranda of July 1, and July 19, 1954, concerning this request.

It would be appreciated if you would furnish us your advice in this matter as soon as possible.

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TO : Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

DATE: August 13, 1954

FROM : Warren Olney III, Assistant Attorney General
Criminal Division

WO:EJB:ae

SUBJECT: WILLIAM LEVI DAWSON
Congressman
Chicago, Illinois

51-23-127

This refers to your memorandum of June 9, 1954, with respect to the captioned subject, which detailed the result of the interview of [redacted] requested by the Criminal Division on May 14, 1954, to obtain additional information in relation to charges made against the subject by that informant. Bearing in mind [redacted] credibility, we do not believe that he has supplied sufficiently specific data, with respect to the subject, to substantiate his original general charges of possible misconduct and warrant further investigation at this time. Accordingly, the case is being closed in the Criminal Division.

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Your memorandum contained information that may well be of interest to the Internal Revenue Service as suggestive of possible income tax evasion by certain individuals. I have transmitted that portion I deemed appropriate in a letter to T. Coleman Andrews, the Commissioner. A copy of that letter is enclosed for your information.

The method adopted for disseminating this information was cleared with Special Agent Hurley.

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INCLOSURE

No 251408

FROM

Department of Justice

Honorable T. Coleman Andrews
Commissioner of Internal Revenue
Washington, D. C.

Re: William Levi Dawson
Congressman
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mr. Andrews:

We have been advised by the Federal Bureau of Investigation of certain derogatory information received with respect to Congressman William Levi Dawson of Chicago, Illinois. This information was developed during the course of an investigation conducted by the Chicago Police Department into the apparent gangland slayings of Anthony and James Pape on April 10, 1954, and was communicated to the Bureau's Chicago division. It was revealed that one [redacted], had made disclosures as to "payoffs." b7D

In response to a request by the Criminal Division, the Bureau interviewed [redacted] to the Illinois State Penitentiary to serve a sentence of from one to five years. [redacted] had previously served a term in the penitentiary and when released in 1950 became affiliated with the Third Ward Democratic organization in Chicago and had been by his admission associated with Congressman Dawson for approximately four years. One of his duties he described as collecting from various gambling operations within the Fifth Police District, comprising the Second and Third Wards, and handling payoffs to police officers and the Congressman. He alleged that collections averaged $30,000 per month with the split as follows: $8,000 to the Police Commissioner's office, $4,000 to police officers in the Fifth District, and the remaining $18,000 to Congressman Dawson. Dawson, he asserted, retained $10,000 and passed on $8,000 to Richard Dailey, purportedly chairman of the Cook County Democratic organization. All payments for the Congressman were channeled through Jim Casey, his secretary.

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Other individuals named as recipients of this largesse were police officers Charles Herring and George Smith, who worked out of the Police Commissioner's office, and Police Captain Kinzie Bluitt of the Fifth District. [redacted] states further that money to pay police officers in the Commissioner's office went to Captain Balswick. He supplied no dates for these alleged payments. However, that portion of the information received by the Federal Bureau of Investigation deemed of interest to you is transmitted for such action as you may judge appropriate.

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Sincerely,

CARMEN OLNEY III
Assistant Attorney General
Criminal Division

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STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Rosen

DATE: 1-14-55

FROM : Mr. Price

SUBJECT: WILLIAM LEVI DAWSON
UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE (DEMOCRAT)
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Francis D. Tappaan, an attorney in the Criminal Division of the Department, telephonically contacted Supervisor H. Branch Wood today and said he was interested in determining whether the facts supplied to the Department concerning Dawson in Bureau memoranda of 4-26-54, 5-10-54, 6-9-54 and 1-5-55 had been furnished to U. S. Attorney Tieken in Chicago. He was advised it would be necessary to review the file to ascertain whether this had been done.

By way of background, our Chicago Office received information in April from Captain O'Malley of the Chicago Police Department, who was investigating a local gangland killing, to the effect that [redacted] who had been interviewed in this investigation, had furnished information concerning payoffs to Congressman Dawson. We advised the Department of this in a memorandum dated 4-26-54 and requested advice as to whether any investigation was desired. The Department requested us by memorandum of 4-28-54 to obtain a copy of the statements made by [redacted] or to obtain their substance.

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[redacted] We ascertained that no written statement had been made by [redacted] and so advised the Department by memorandum of 5-10-54. On 5-14-54 the Department requested us to interview [redacted] for all information in his possession. This was done and the results were furnished to the Department in our memorandum of 6-9-54 with the request that they advise us as to whether further investigation was desired. The Department by memorandum of 8-13-54 advised that [redacted] had not supplied sufficient specific data to substantiate charges of possible misconduct on the part of Dawson warranting further investigation and that the case was being closed in the Criminal Division.

In a memorandum of 12-28-54 the Department requested us to check toll calls of Congressman Dawson in Washington for evidence of telephone traffic between him and Tony Accardo and Jake Guzik, Capone gang hoodlums of Chicago. We advised the Department by memorandum of 1-5-55 that this could not be done in view of the absence of any indication of a violation within our jurisdiction.

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Memo to Mr. Rosen:

After the file was obtained and reviewed, Mr. Tappaan was recontacted and advised that there was no indication that the information contained in the memoranda he mentioned had been furnished to USA Tieken. It was pointed out to Mr. Tappaan that this material had been received by the Bureau and had been transmitted to the Department as a matter of information. No reports were submitted in this matter and no information was developed indicating a violation within our jurisdiction.

Mr. Tappaan said the question had been raised as to whether the attorney handling this matter in the Department had kept Tieken advised and he said he wanted to check with us to see if possibly we had furnished the information to Tieken before he answered the inquiry.

This is for your information.

Mr. William P. Rogers
Deputy Attorney General

March 22, 1[illegible]

Director, FBI

ASSISTANT UNITED STATES ATTORNEY,
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS;
ADMINISTRATIVE INQUIRY

Assistant United States Attorney Frank J. McGarr, Chicago, advised our Chicago, Illinois, Office that United States Attorney Robert Tieken desired the following information furnished to the FBI Office:

Mr. McGarr stated that Morris Handleman, former Assistant United States Attorney, presently employed as Assistant District Attorney, Chicago, told him that one of the present Assistant United States Attorneys recently met him in the hallway of the Cook County Building. At that time the unnamed Assistant United States Attorney asked Handleman for information concerning the location of the desk of Cook County Assistant District Attorney Dawson. Mr. McGarr noted that this Dawson is a nephew of Congressman William Dawson, who is allegedly connected with a syndicate policy racket in Chicago.

Assistant United States Attorney McGarr advised that Handleman declined to identify the Assistant United States Attorney involved and McGarr believes the possibility exists that Handleman who has a sense of humor may have been joking since he undoubtedly knew that his comments would worry McGarr.

Mr. McGarr stated that if the Assistant United States Attorney concerning whom Handleman commented is subsequently identified, he would be dismissed immediately by United States Attorney Tieken. Mr. McGarr requested an investigation concerning the foregoing. He is being advised that the information will be furnished to the Department and no investigation will be conducted in the absence of a request from the Department.

No further action is contemplated in this matter in the absence of a request from you.

NOTE: Chicago Office was instructed to appropriately inform AUSA McGarr as indicated above by [illegible] 3/[illegible]. Information concerning Congressman Dawson's alleged affiliation with a syndicate policy racket has been the subject of prior correspondence with the Department. ([illegible], 62-9[illegible]5).

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Deputy Attorney General

March 22, 1955

Director, FBI

ASSISTANT UNITED STATES ATTORNEY,
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS;
ADMINISTRATIVE INQUIRY

Assistant United States Attorney Frank J. McGarr, Chicago, advised our Chicago, Illinois, Office that United States Attorney Robert Tieken desired the following information furnished to the FBI Office:

Mr. McGarr stated that Morris Handleman, former Assistant United States Attorney, presently employed as Assistant District Attorney, Chicago, told him that one of the present Assistant United States Attorneys recently met him in the hallway of the Cook County Building. At that time the unnamed Assistant United States Attorney asked Handleman for information concerning the location of the desk of Cook County Assistant District Attorney Dawson. Mr. McGarr noted that this Dawson is a nephew of Congressman William Dawson, who is allegedly connected with a syndicate policy racket in Chicago.

Assistant United States Attorney McGarr advised that Handleman declined to identify the Assistant United States Attorney involved and McGarr believes the possibility exists that Handleman who has a sense of humor may have been joking since he undoubtedly knew that his comments would worry McGarr.

Mr. McGarr stated that if the Assistant United States Attorney concerning whom Handleman commented is subsequently identified, he would be dismissed immediately by United States Attorney Tieken. Mr. McGarr requested an investigation concerning the foregoing. He is being advised that the information will be furnished to the Department and no investigation will be conducted in the absence of a request from the Department.

No further action is contemplated in this matter in the absence of a request from you.

NOTE: Chicago Office was instructed to appropriately inform AUSA McGarr as indicated above by airtel dated 3/21/55. Information concerning Congressman Dawson's alleged affiliation with a syndicate policy racket has been the subject of prior correspondence with the Department. (58-3267, 62-90505).

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Mr. Price

WILLIAM LEVI DAWSON
UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE (DEMOCRAT)
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Francis D. Tappaan, an attorney in the Criminal Division of the Department, telephonically contacted Supervisor H. Branch Wood toda and said he was interested in determining whether the facts supplied to the Department concerning Dawson in Bureau memoranda of 4-26-54, 5-10-5 6-9-54 and 1-5-55 had been furnishd to U. S. Attorney Tieken in Chicag He was advised it would be necessary to review the file to ascertain whether this had been done.

By way of background, our Chicago Office received information in April from Captain O'Malley of the Chicago Police Department, who w investigating a local gangland killing, to the effect that [redacted] who had been interviewed in this investigation, had furnished informat concerning payoffs to Congressman Dawson. We advised the Department of this in a memorandum dated 4-26-54 and requested advice as to whether any investigation was desired. The Department requested us by memoran of 4-28-54 to obtain a copy of the statements made by [redacted] or to ob their substance.

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We ascertained that no written statement had been made by [redacted] and so advised the Department by memorandum of 5-10-54. On 5-14-54 the Department requested us to interview [redacted] for all infor mation in his possession. This was done and the results were furnish to the Department in our memorandum of 6-9-54 with the request that t advise us as to whether further investigation was desired. The Depar by memorandum of 8-13-54 advised that [redacted] had not supplied suffici specific data to substantiate charges of possible misconduct on the p of Dawson warranting further investigation and that the case was bein closed in the Criminal Division.

In a memorandum of 12-28-54 the Department requested us to check toll calls of Congressman Dawson in Washington for evidence of telephone traffic between him and Tony Accardo and Jake Guzik, famous gang hoodlums of Chicago. We advised the Department by memorandum of 1-5-55 that this could not be done in view of the absence of any indi cation of a violation within our jurisdiction.

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Memo to Mr. Rosen:

After the file was obtained and reviewed, Mr. Tappaan was recontacted and advised that there was no indication that the information contained in the memoranda he mentioned had been furnished to USA Tieken. It was pointed out to Mr. Tappaan that this material had been received by the Bureau and had been transmitted to the Department as a matter of information. No reports were submitted in this matter and no information was developed indicating a violation within our jurisdiction.

Mr. Tappaan said the question had been raised as to whether the attorney handling this matter in the Department had kept Tieken advised and he said he wanted to check with us to see if possibly we had furnished the information to Tieken before he answered the inquiry.

This is for your information.

Assistant Attorney General
Warren Olney III
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Director, FBI

January 5, 1955

TONY ACCARDO, JAKE GUZIK,
MURRAY OLF, CONGRESSMAN WILLIAM DAWSON,
MRS. CLARESE, STATE DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEE

Reference is made to your memorandum of December 28, 1954, (WO:CAM:jas, 123-0) in which you requested us to check the telephone records of the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company for evidence of telephone toll traffic between Tony Accardo and Jake Guzik of Chicago and Murray Olf and Congressman William L. Dawson of Washington, D. C., and to ascertain the purpose of a telephone call from Mrs. Clarese, extension 3331, at the State Department to Accardo on June 30, 1954.

In connection with this matter we have previously furnished to you information concerning the alleged activities of Congressman Dawson in connection with gambling operations in Chicago. Reference is made to our memoranda of April 2[illegible], 1954, May 10, 1954, and June 9, 1954.

With reference to your mention of Jake Guzik and Murray Olf, the newspaper supplement "Parade" of August 8, 1954, which appeared in the "Washington Post and Times Herald" of that date contained a statement to the effect that in the nineteen thirties Olf received a 5-year sentence at the Lewisburg, Pennsylvania, Penitentiary, where his cellmate was Jake Guzik.

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For your further information, the "Chicago Tribune" of April 22, 1954, reported that Anthony Joseph Accardo had applied for a passport for himself and his wife, Clarice, for South America reportedly to make a fishing trip. The "Chicago American" of May 7, 1954, reported that the State Department had denied Accardo's application for a passport.

With regard to the inquiries requested in your memorandum of December 28, 1954, it is not felt that in the absence of an indication of a possible violation within our jurisdiction that they should be undertaken since to do so would involve investigation of confidential records of the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company and [illegible] view with an employee of [illegible] therein we have no jurisdiction.

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Office Memorandum · UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Rosen

DATE: 1-4-55

FROM : Mr. Price

SUBJECT: TONY ACCARDO, JAKE GUZIK,
MURRAY OLF, CONGRESSMAN
WILLIAM DAWSON, MRS. CLARESE,
STATE DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEE;
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CRIMINAL SECTION, INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

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This is to advise that Assistant Attorney General Warren Olney III requested a check of local telephone records (no period specified) of Congressman William Levi Dawson (D. Ill.) and Murray Olf, Washington gambling figure, for evidence of traffic between them and 2 notorious Chicago hoodlums, Tony Accardo and Jake Guzik. He also asked for a check to determine the purpose of a call, 6-30-54, from Mrs. Clarese at the State Department to Accardo.

Olney's memorandum dated 12-28-54, received in the Investigative Division 12-30-54, for review and answer, indicated this request was made because information had been received by the Department reflecting that a telephone used by Accardo and Guzik was utilized to communicate with Dawson and Olf at Washington, D. C., and his desire to obtain information about Accardo, Guzik and Olf in view of their underworld activities.

Bufiles reflect voluminous references to Accardo and Guzik who are nationally notorious members of the Chicago Capone gang setup. (62-32578-1149 and 63-619)

Bufiles show Murray Olf has been prominent in local gambling activities and is reported to be a lieutenant of Sam Beard, leading Washington gambling figure. Allegations also made that Olf has been a lobbyist for Frank Costello, notorious hoodlum figure. (63-1287)

Congressman Dawson, according to our files, is alleged to have accepted payoffs from gambling interests in Chicago for many years. Current information concerning these allegations furnished to the Department in April, May and June, 1954. (62-99505 and 58-3267)

Accardo and Guzik associated in gambling activities in Chicago for many years. No indication in files that Accardo connected with Olf or Dawson. (72-671) Guzik and Olf reportedly shared same prison cell in Federal Penitentiary, Lewisburg, Pennsylvania. (63-1287-1)

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Accardo, according to news sources, attempted unsuccessfully to obtain a passport for himself and his wife, Clarice, for South America, in the Spring of 1954. This passport requested for the stated purpose of making a fishing trip. (6--519)

No record of telephone calls referred to in Olney's memorandum was located in Bufiles.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

(1) That we bring to Olney's attention the information previously submitted concerning Congressman Dawson's activities.

(2) That we advise Olney of the report that Guzik and Olf shared a prison cell inasmuch as this information appeared in "Parade," a newspaper supplement dated 8-8-54.

(3) That we advise Olney according to news sources Accardo tried unsuccessfully in Spring of 1954 to procure a passport to South America for himself and his wife Clarice.

(4) That we do not conduct the inquiries requested by Olney because to do so would involve investigation at the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company and an open interview of Mrs. Clarese of the State Department in a matter wherein we have not been furnished any information indicating a violation within our jurisdiction or given any indication as to what possible violation of a statute within our jurisdiction the Department is seeking to develop.

If you approve, an appropriate memorandum to the Department is attached.

December 28, 1954

Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Warren Olney III, Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division — WO:CAM:jas

Tony Accardo, Jake Guzik, Murray Olf, Congressman William Dawson, Mrs. Clarese, State Department Employee. — 123-0

Information received by this Division reflects that a telephone used by Tony Accardo and Jake Guzik of Chicago has been utilized to communicate with Murray Olf, Washington, D. C., at phone number North 7-3220 and with Congressman William L. Dawson, Washington, D.C., at phone numbers Dupont 7-7593 and Executive 3-0706. Our information also shows that on June 29, 1954, a call was made to the Passport Division of the Department of State, Republic 7-5600, from River Forest 9-9180, Accardo's home phone. On the following day Mrs. Clarese, from extension 3331 at State, called Accardo collect.

In view of Accardo's, Guzik's, and Olf's activities in the organized underworld, I am interested in obtaining all available information concerning them. I would appreciate it, therefore, if your Bureau would obtain for me the following information:

(a) from the available records of the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company, the toll activities of the telephone listed under North 7-3220;

(b) from the same Company's records the activities of the telephones listed under Executive 3-0706 and Dupont 7-7593, with respect only to calls made to Tony Accardo and Jake Guzik; and

(c) the purpose of Mrs. Clarese's call to Accardo on June 30, 1954.

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WILLIAM LEVI DAWSON, (DEMOCRAT)
1ST DISTRICT, ILLINOIS

In February, 1946, Dawson was subject of bribery investigation based on alleged efforts to obtain by bribery preferred treatment for an official of a Chicago battery company. No corroborating evidence developed with regard to allegation of bribery by Dawson and upon interview Dawson denied offering any payment. United States Attorney declined prosecution of Dawson because of insufficient evidence of guilt. Battery company official apprehended making bribe to official of Civilian Production Administration and pleaded nolo contendere and received $250 fine and probation. (58-1598)

In April, 1954, Chicago Office received information from Chicago Police Department, which was investigating a local gangland killing, to the effect that [redacted] who had been interviewed in this investigation, had furnished information concerning payoffs to Congressman Dawson by racing syndicate in Illinois. Information furnished to Department April 26, 1954, and requested advice as to whether any investigation was desired. The Department requested us by memorandum April 28, 1954, to obtain a copy of statements made by [redacted] or to obtain their substance.

Chicago Office ascertained no written statement made by [redacted] and the Department was so advised by memorandum May 10, 1954. On May 14, 1954, Department requested us to interview [redacted] for all information in his possession. This was done and results were furnished to Department by memorandum June 9, 1954, with request that advice be furnished us whether any further investigation was desired. The Department by memorandum August 13, 1954, advised that [redacted] had not supplied sufficient specific data to substantiate charges of possible misconduct on the part of Dawson warranting further investigation and this case was being closed in the Criminal Division. Department further advised that it transmitted to the Internal Revenue Service, the portion of information that would be of interest to that agency for what action it may judge appropriate. (58-3267) (62-99505)

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CORRELATION SUMMARY

Main File No: 58-3267 Date:

(See also 58-1598) Date Searched: 5-14-56

Subject: William Levi Dawson

Found As: William Levi Dawson
William L. Dawson
William Dawson

Also Searched As:

No further search made.

This is a summary of information obtained from a review of all "see" references to the subject in Bureau files under the names and aliases listed above. No attempt has been made to exhaust all possibilities as to the names and aliases by which the subject may have been known. All references under the above names containing data identical or possibly identical with the subject have been included except those listed at the end of this summary as not having been reviewed. The term "SI" preceding a serial number shown in the block indicates that the serial so designated contains the same information as the foregoing serial. However it should be realized that the information in these serials may differ somewhat in detail although the facts are basically the same.

This summary is designed to furnish a synopsis of the information set out in each reference. Except where stated otherwise the original serial will contain the information in much more detail.

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William Dawson

BIOGRAPHICAL DATA

Name:	William Levi Dawson, aka, William L. Dawson, William Dawson
Born:	4-26-86 Albany, Ga.
Height:	5'10"
Weight:	190 Lbs.
Complexion:	Medium
Hair:	Black
Race:	Negro
Eyes:	Brown
Occupation:	Member of Congress since 78th Congress. Attorney, admitted to the Illinois Bar, 1920.
Education:	Graduated from Albany, Georgia Normal School and Fiske University, Nashville, Tenn., receiving A.B. degree. Attended Kent College of Law, Chicago LLB. degree from Northwestern University Law School, Evanston, Ill.
Military Service:	1st. Lieutenant of the 365th Infantry, A.E.F. in World War I
Relatives:	Father, Levi Dawson Mother, Rebecca Kendrick Dawson Wife, Nellie W. Brown Dawson, married 12-20-22. Son, William Levi Dawson, Jr. Daughter Barbara Ann Dawson

Residence:

1941:	*180 West Washington St., Chicago, Ill.* *534 E. 42nd St., Chicago*
1942:	*322 E. 35th St., Chicago*
1953:	*3520 South State St., Chicago*
1954-1955:	*534 E. 42nd St., Chicago*

Political Activities:

1930-1932 State Central Committeeman, First Congressional District, Ill.

1933 to 1939, Alderman 2nd Ward, Chicago

1939- Democratic Committeeman from the 2nd Ward. Dawson was formerly a Republican.

1942- Member of Congress

1949: Dawson was chairman of the Appropriations Committee

1950: Vice Chairman of the Democratic National Committee

Criminal Activity:

1946, Dawson was subject of a bribery investigation. Prosecution declined. Dawson believed to have been involved in policy racket in Chicago, and to have had connections with the criminal syndicate.

Organizational Affiliations:

Chairman:	*National Citizens Committee for the re-election of President Harry S. Truman.*
Member:	*Advisory Board of the Chicago Civil Liberties Committee*
	Executive Board of the Chicago branch of the National Lawyers Guild.

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Organizational Affiliations:

Speaker at dinners or meetings of or sponsored by the following organizations:

American Youth for Democracy

Labor's Council For Community Action (formerly Douglas Washington Institute)

Midwest Negro Peoples Assembly

National Committee to abolish the Poll Tax

National Council of American-Soviet Friendship

National Federation for Constitutional Liberties

Negro Labor Victory Committee

National Negro Congress

Supported: Communist Party and Communist Party line.

ABBREVIATIONS USED IN THIS SUMMARY

ALS:	*Abraham Lincoln School*
AYD:	*American Youth for Democracy*
CD:	*Congressional District*
CPA:	*Communist Political Association*
Cong:	*Congressman*
FEPC:	*Fair Employment Practices Committee*
IUC:	*Industrial Union Council*
NAACP:	*National Association for the Advancement of Colored People*
NCAPT:	*National Committee to Abolish the Poll Tax*
NFCL:	*National Federation of Constitutional Liberties.*
NNC:	*National Negro Congress*
Rep:	*Representative*

The "DW" of 8-9-41 contained an article entitled "Chicago Unity Parley Called To Speed U.S. Aid Against Hitler", Article was datelined 8-8-41 at Chicago, Ill. Article reported that a Committee of 17 top flight Chicago leaders in the trade union, political and educational fields issued a call to a Conference (Anti-Hitler rally) to be held at the City Club, 18th floor, La Salle Hotel, Chicago, on 8-12-41. William Dawson, Ward Committeeman, was listed as one of the signers of the Call. The Call emphasized that "We will gladly cooperate with 'The Committee to Defend America, 'Fight for Freedom Inc! and all other groups in helping to build as swiftly as possible a powerful smash-Hitler Movement in the Midwest.

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On 10-15-41, by a pretext telephone call, a list of people who frequented the office of the NNC in Chicago, Ill., was obtained from Ishmael Flory, regional organizer of the Chicago Council of the NNC, at Atlantic 6252, telephone number of the NNC.

This list included the following: "Atty. Wm. L. Dawson, 534 E. 42nd."

Chicago Rpt. 8-5-43
Re: National Negro Congress
IS-C
61-6728-326
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The "DW" for 8-4-42 contained an article entitled "Chicago Great CIO Rally Thunders for a 2nd Front", by Conrad Komorowski, which was datelined at Chicago, Aug. 3rd. Article reported that 30thousand Chicago Citizens gathered at Grant Park for the CIO Council's Second Front rally "yesterday" (8-2-42) adopted with a thunderous "Aye" a resolution urging the opening of a Western European Offensive.

According to the article, William Dawson, Democratic candidate for Congressman of the 1st District, was one of the speakers. Dawson said he was proud of the role Negroes were playing in the War effort and in the military services. He declared the Negroes could play a still greater part and asked the support of the audience in the struggle against discrimination to achieve greater unity behind the war effort.

The Sojourner Truth Citizens Committee planned a "Mammoth rally" to be held on 9-13-42 at the Eastern Market in Detroit, Mich., for the purpose of defeating Cong. Rudolph Tenerowicz. The planned speakers included William Dawson of Chicago newly elected Negro Congressman.

("Michigan Chronicle" 9-5-42)

Tenerowicz was referred to as a Fifth Columnist and a Menace to the war effort.

("Michigan Chronicle" 8-22-42)

Detroit Rpt. 5-8-44
Re: Citizens Committee For Jobs in War Industries, aka Sojourner Truth Citizens Committee, et al
IS-C
100-160769-18 P. 6
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On 9-13-42 a "Mass Meeting" was held in the Eastern Market, Detroit, Mich. The Majority of those present were members of the NAACP, and about 1,000 Negroes attended.

The meeting was held to arouse political support for various candidates. William Dawson, Negro nominee for Congress from Chicago, Ill., who was to have been a guest speaker, did not attend. Senator Charles C. Diggs stated that Dawson did not appear because he (Dawson) had received a telephone call from Cong. Rudolph G. Tenerowicz which informed Dawson that the race situation in Detroit was rather strained and therefore to insure Dawson of having Congressional prestige, if and when he was elected to Congress, it would be wise that Dawson remain out of the Detroit area contest.

DE-67
Detroit Rpt. 10-27-42
Re: Foreign Inspired Agitation Among the American Negroes In The Detroit Division
IS
100-135-15-44, P. 23
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On 9-29-42 a branch organizer meeting of the Yards Section, CP, was held at 4848 S. Ashland Ave., Chicago, Ill. Mike Kingsley the section organizer, opened the meeting by giving an outline on the election campaign. Kingsley stated that as far as Illinois was concerned the Communists of the State, County and City should lend aid and contribute to the election of Wm. L. Dawson.

Photostatic Copy of Conf. Inft.
[redacted] rpt., dated
10-2-42, Chicago, Ill.
100-3-14-975
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On 10-3-42 Trade union members of the CP and the Independent Voter's League held a council meeting at the Sky Line Club, 188 West Randolph St. Chicago, Ill. William Dawson, Negro candidate for Congress in the 1st District, attended this political meeting and was in charge of the colored group. According to inft., Dawson and his co-workers were well lined up with the CP, trade unions department.

Rpt. of Conf. Inft. [redacted] dated
10-3-42, Chicago, Ill.
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On 10-14-42 a meeting of the Commonwealth Independent Political League was held at the Waterford Chapel, 5438 South State St. Chicago, Ill. League comprised mostly of colored people. Claudius Reid, identified as being affiliated with the Chicago division on the March on Washington Movement, was chairman of the meeting. At this meeting, "The United Front program was worked out which was to be carried on until November 3rd (election day) in support of political party candidates known for their stand to end discrimination against Negroes in the armed forces, industry and society.

During the meeting Reid called attention to a "recent" address by William L. Dawson, member of the Second Ward political committee, touching upon the relations existing between Milton E. Webster, A. Phillip Randolph, both of the AFL Pullman Porters

Organization, and the Communist groups as a result of their misunderstanding on June 26. (evidently 1942). Reid said, Dawson, seemed to have failed in his efforts to convince the staunch members of the CP that Webster and Randolph were friends and supporters of the working class.

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Chicago Rpt. 2-8-43
Re: Cominfil CIO Industrial Union Councils,
Chicago, Ill. Area
IS-C
100-38049-9-33, P. 37
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SI 100-3-14-1150, P. 11
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On 11-4-42 William L. Patterson (not identified) reported that he had sent a personal telegram of congratulations to William L. Dawson, 322 E. 35th St., (Chicago, Ill.) upon the occasion of his victory in the state elections. (Name of office not given, evidently Congress).

Conf. Inft. [redacted]
Chicago letter 11-13-42
Re: Workers School
IS-C
100-11507-58
(33)

Page 3 of the "DW" for 11-26-42 contained an article entitled "Negro Leaders Pledge: 'Just Begun to Fight", datelined 11-25-42 at Chicago, Ill. Article reported that Congressman - elect William Dawson, 1st District of Illinois, upon learning that the anti-poll tax bill had been defeated in the Senate expressed the confidence that the people would see that justice was done. Dawson stated in part "It is with deep regret that I learn of the failure to pass anti-poll tax legislation. This is only the beginning of a fight that shall never end until the free exercise of suffrage is granted to every American citizen. I shall fight in Congress and outside Congress for every democratic right for every citizen regardless of color."

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On 11-25-42 "The All-Chicago Committee to Salute Our Russian Ally" staged a program in tribute to the Soviet people on the 9th Anniversary of American-Soviet relations at Orchestra Hall, 220 South Michigan, Ave., Chicago, Ill.

William L. Dawson, U.S. Congressman from Illinois, who was scheduled to appear on the program, wired his regrets, stating that he was detained in Washington (D. C.) and was unable to leave at the time. [redacted] b7D

A copy of the program for the anniversary meeting, on 11-25-42, mentioned above was enclosed with this reference. This program listed William L. Dawson, U. S. Congressman from Illinois, as one of the speakers. (Program furnished by [redacted] on 11-20-42)

On 11-23-42 Howard Lawrence, representative of the "DW", Chicago, contacted various Congressman and legistative representatives in regard to anti-poll tax legislation. Cong. Dawson gave Lawrence the following statement: "The right of every American Citizen to vote, to exercise his voice in the government, is the foundation stone of American democracy. It is with deep regret that I learn of the failure to pass anti-poll tax legislation in this session. This is only the beginning of a fight which will never stop until the free exercise of suffrage is granted to every American Citizen. I shall fight for that and other things. I shall fight for every democratic policy." (CP-1)

Chicago Rpt. 2-22-43
Re: CP, USA, District 18
IS-R
100-3-14-1170, PP. 35, 39
(28)

The "PM" dated 2-9-43 contained an article, on page 11, entitled "House Balks at Backing Dies in Purge of Liberals", by Nathan Robertson. Article concerned the charges made by Martin Dies against 39 Government employees.

The article reported that during the House debate in connection with dismissing William Pickens, Negro employee of the Treasury Dept., Wash., D. C., William L. Dawson, member of the House of Representatives, made his maiden speech. According to this item, Dawson made an eloquent appeal for "fair play", asserting that he had known Pickens personally for 40 years and knew he was not a Communist and never had been one.

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On 2-10-43 a mass political party meeting of the 3rd Ward, was held at 5120 South Park Wayin, Chicago, Ill., to promote the CP candidate in the Chicago elections. Ray Hansborough, a Negro member of the NNC of the CP, acted as chairman and explained that Congressman William L. Dawson in the 1st CD, had clashed with Earl B. Dickerson, alderman and member of the FEPC. According to inft., Dickerson was an outstanding Negro political leader supported by the CP.

Conf-Inft [redacted] b7D
Chicago Rpt. 7-2-43
Re: Cominfil CIO-Industrial Union Councils,
Chicago, Ill. Area
IS-C
100-338049-9-37, P. 31
(32)

On 2-14-43 the annual program of the South Side Section CP called the "Pageant of Negro Achievement" was held at Forum Hall 322 East 43rd St., Chicago, Ill.

James W. Ford, member of the National Committee, CP was the guest speaker. During his speech, he charged that Cong. William L. Dawson (Negro) turned against his own race to ingratiate himself with Martin Dies. Dawson was also occused of being on the wrong side of the fence in connection with Alderman Earl B. Dickerson, who was known for his stand on Negro rights.

Photostatic Copy of Rpt. of Conf.
Inft. XXX, dated
2-14-43 at Chicago, Ill.
100-3-14-1248
(14, 28)

On 2-24-4[illegible] Conf. Inft. [redacted] reported that Earl Dickerson, Negro Alderman of Chicago, who was defeated in the primaries for reelection to that office, was antagonistic toward William Dawson, Negro Congressman, and believed him to be a doublecrosser and cheat. Dickerson said Dawson was not in favor of the things he wanted and that Dawson had even gone so far as to "put his arms around Dies the other day in Congress."

Chicago letter 2-4-4[illegible]
Re: Abraham Lincoln School
(Workers School)
IS-C
100-11507-78
(17)

On March 9, and 10, 1943 a National Conference to abolish the Poll Tax was held at the National Press Auditorium, in Wash., D. C.

According to a program distributed at this conference Congressman William Dawson, of Illinois, was one of the speakers at the evening session on 3-9-43. [redacted] b7D

The following items were enclosed with this reference.

1. Copy of memographed program of the above Conference. (Furnished by [redacted] on 3-15-43)

2. Copy of "Poll Tax Repealer", dated February, 1943, which contained a voting record of all Congressman on the Anti-Poll Tax Bill in "the last session of Congress." The name W. L. Dawson was listed but there was no notation of how he voted. (Furnished by [redacted]

3. Copies of a 5 by 8 throw-away captioned "Abolish the Poll Tax," which advertised the meeting of 3-9-43, and named William L. Dawson as one of the speakers. (Inft. not noted)

4. Copy of "The Poll Tax Repealer," dated March, 1943, which contained the picture of William L. Dawson (D) Illinois, on the front page. (Inft. Not noted).

WFO Rpt. 6-26-43
Re: National Committee to abolish
The Poll Tax
IS-C
62-67571-34, P. 4
(8)
SI as Par. 1 above
100-135-53-75, P. 25 (Inft. not given)
(16)

The "DW" for 3-10-43 contained an article entitled "Conference, 6 Congressmen unite an Anti-Poll Tax Bill". Article datelined at Washington, (D.C.) March 9 (1943) reported that a drive to repeal the poll tax at the 1943 session of Congress was launched that day by the National Committee to Abolish Poll Tax. According to this article, Virginia Foster Durr, executive vice-president of the Anti-Poll Tax Committee, said that six Congressman had joined together in a steering Committee to fight the "undemocratic poll tax." Mrs. Durr named the members, which included William L. Dawson, Illinois Democrat.

62-67571-A
(26)

The "PM" for 5-7-43 contained an article on page 3, entitled " Anti-Poll Tax Bill Forced Out; Early Passage Held Certain" by Nathan Robertson. Article subtitled "Petition Completed With Record Speed; 10 Congressmen Signed yesterday."

This article reported that a majority of the House members forced the anti-poll tax bill out of the Committee by petition. The bill to be brought before the House for a vote. Article also reported that" it was a non-partisan, coalition drive that put the petition across so quickly, The committee in charge represented three parties, all sections of the Country and both the white and Negro races. Dawson is the only Negro in the House."

100-38126-A
(18)

Correlators Note: Due to the torn condition of this clipping the full indexed name of William Dawson was not found.

The "DW", dated 5-28-43, contained an article entitled "Ask Wallace Speed Poll -Tax Action." Article revealed that the National Federation of Constitutional Liberties sent a wire to each

member of the non-partisan coalition of Congressmen (evidently Wash., D.C.) who guided HR7 (anti-poll tax bill) through the house.

William L. Dawson received one of the wires, which stated in part. "The overwhelming adoption of HR-7 by the House today is proof the House is responding to the demand of the American people that the poll tax be abolished this year....."

100-1170-A
(32)

In May 1943 a Mr. Atwell (fnu), an attorney who had been active in the CP, and who was a new member of the March on Washington Movement, Chicago, Ill., was reported to be a close friend of Congresswoman L. Dawson. [redacted] b7D

As of June 1943 Congressman William L. Dawson was a member of the board of directors of the Committee on Racial Equality.

Conf. Source of Information B:
George Gleeson, Chief Investigator
of the office of the Illinois State
Coordinative Law Enforcement
Agencies, 188 West Randolph St.,
Chicago.

Chicago Rpt. 6-21-43
Re: March on Washington Movement
IS
100-95014-330, PP. 10, 14
(34)

In July 1943, Conf. Infts. [redacted] whose identities are known to the Bureau, furnished the Chicago Field Office with a list of names and addresses of individuals directly or indirectly associated with the I.W.O. .

One of the listings read "William Dawson, 534 East 43nd Street" (undoubtedly Chicago, Ill.)

Chicago Rpt. 7-28-43
Re: International Workers Order
IS-C
61-7341-9-108
(8)

On 8-14-43 [redacted] made available a circular announcing a First and Second CD "Equal Rights Rally to Win the War and Peace" at the Metropolitan Community Church, 41st and South Parkway, Chicago Ill. (Date not clearly stated). The circular listed the speakers, which included William L. Dawson.

Chicago Rpt, 8-4-44
Re: Chicago Civil Liberties Committee
IS-C
100-6605-31
(32)

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On 8-22-43, a First and Second CD "Equal Rights Rally to Win the War and Peace" was held at the Metropolitan Community Church, 4100 South Parkway, Chicago, Ill. The attendance was estimated as at least one hundred.

William L. Dawson wired his regrets that previous speaking engagements prevented him from being present at this rally as a speaker.

[redacted]

Chicago Rpt. 1-18-44
Re: William Lorenzo Patterson, was.
IS-C
100-39-47, P. 4
(30)
SI 100-39-34, P. 4
(30)

On 9-5-43 William Dawson was one of the speakers at a Chicago South Side Political Action Conference, held at Boulevard Hall, 356 East 47th St., Chicago, Ill.

This Conference was the result of agitation by the South Side Section of the CP and supported by the trade unions having their CP blocs within the ranks. (No details of Dawson's speech were given).

[redacted] b7D

Chicago Rpt. 11-27-43
Re: Cominfil CIO, Industrial Union Councils, Chicago, Area
IS-C
100-33049-9-44, P. 10
(18)
SI 100-3-14-1930. P. 11 (Leaflet announcing the above mentioned meeting on which Dawson was listed as a guest was enclosed with this reference)
(14)

On 9-6-43 a trade union and political conference was held at Boulevard Hall, 356 East 47th St., Chicago, Ill. Considerable planning for this conference was done by the Packinghouse Section of the CP and the South Side Section of the CP under the direction of Ray Hansborough and Herbert March. They were mainly responsible for the appearance of Cong. William Dawson from District 1, Chicago. Hansborough and March were assisted by Frank Jurek, of the South Side Steel Section of the CP, and others.

According to inft., Dawson confined his remarks, more or less, to the racial question and the many efforts being made to bring about improved conditions for the Negro.

Photostatic Copy of Inft.XXX Rpt. dated 9-6-43 at Chicago, Ill.
100-3-14-1815
(14)
SI as Par. 1 above
100-333834-1
(21)

John Kelliher, President of Local #1154 of the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers, CIO, in line with the CP's political action program, arranged for Congressman Thomas S. Gordon of the 8th District of Illinois to speak before a gathering of members from his local and other interested people, on 9-8-43, in Chicago, Ill. This meeting "followed the same pattern as those held in various parts of the city where the following Congressmen appeared; William L. Dawson, William A. Rowan, Fred E. Busbey and Martin Gorski".

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Photostatic copy of Rpt. of Conf.
Inft. XXX
dated 9-8-43
at Chicago, Ill.
100-3-14-1817
(28)

On 10-10-43 several Negro civic, political, and economic leaders stopped over in Boston, Mass., on their return from the launching of the""SS Robert L. Vann" at Portland, Maine. (Ship named for the late Negro who founded the largest Negro paper, the Pittsburgh Courier). Congressman William Dawson, of Chicago, Ill., was included in the group.

Although their function in Portland was to witness the launching of the Liberty Ship, the Negro leaders pointed out that they took it as an opportunity to point out the conditions existing in the Army and in economic fields in general for Negroes. They criticized the President for refusing to speak out and end discrimination in the armed forces and civilian life.

Source evaluated as usually reliable; in information as probably true.

MID Rpt. dated 11-26-43
100-135-5-25
(16)

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On 10-20-43, William L. Dawson, Chicago, Ill., was one of the speakers at a meeting of the Inter-Racial Discussion Group which was held at the Academy of Music in Philadelphia, Pa. About 200 persons attended the meeting. (No details of speech were given).

Visur; Philadelphia Rpt. 11-17-43
Re: SWP, Philadelphia Field Division
IS-5
100-16-38-10, P. 3
(30)

On 10-11-43 an executive board meeting of the National Committee to Abolish the Poll Tax was held in the Council room of the Railroad Brotherhood in the Labor Bldg., 10 Independence Ave. S.W., Wash., D.C. They discussed the Poll Tax bill (HR-7). And announced that the committee had secured Congressman Dawson, and others, to present the case for the Committee at the hearings.
(C-269)

On 10-26-43 at a meeting of the NCAPT held in the office of Representative Bender, room 355, Old House Office Bldg., Wash., D.C., it was reported that the case of the Committee had been presented quite forceably by Cong. Dawson, and others.
(C-269)

Rep. William Dawson, CIO Counsel Lee Pressman, and AFL Counsel Joseph A. Padway were the three lawyers who would argue that the anti-poll tax bill was constitutional before the Senate Judiciary Committee on 10-26-43. These individuals were chosen by the NCAPT, not only because they were distinguished lawyers but were also representatives of the groups which had fought for abolition of the poll tax. ("DW" 10-21-43)

William L. Dawson was named as a member of a non-partisan coalition which guided HR-7 through the House of Representatives. ("DW" 5-28-43)

WFO Rpt. 12-21-43
Re: National Committee to Abolish
The Poll Tax
IS-C
62-67571-45, PP. 2,4,9,12
(8.26)

The 10-27-43 issue of the "PM" contained an article entitled Poll Tax Filibusterers Win Fresh Stall on Bill", which reported that hearings on the constitutionality of the anti-poll tax bill was recessed until the following week.

Article also reported that one of the last witnesses favoring the bill was Rep. William L. Dawson, who emphasized the millions of voters disfranchised by the poll tax.

This article set out a portion of Dawson's speech, and contained a photograph of Dawson.

94-8-1003-A
(28)

According to the "Chicago Defender" dated 10-30-43 Frederick P. Wall, Secretary to Rep. William Dawson (Dem. Ill.), and others, accompanied Ishamael Flory, Vice President of the NNC, to see A. A. Sprague, trustee of the Rapid Transit Lines, Chicago, Ill. At this conference with Sprague, an agreement was reached whereby colored trainmen and ticket takers would be put to work as rapidly as they could be qualified. Sprague said he already had a large number of applications on hand.

Chicago Rpt. 11-9-43
Re: National Negro Congress
IS-C
61-6728-344
(7)

On 10-31-43 the NNC held a victory celebration as a result of the employment of Negroes by the Chicago Survace (or Surface) Lines as motormen and conductors. Celebration held at the Indiana Ave. Methodist Church, Chicago, Ill. Fred P. Wall, secretary to William L. Dawson, Democratic Representative, took part in this affair.

[redacted] b7D

Chicago Rpt. 1-29-44
Re: Cominfil CIO, Industrial Union Councils, Chicago Area
IS-C
100-33049-9-52, P. 42
(33)
SI 100-3-14-2017 P. 51
(29)

In the first part of November, 1943 the NNC held a victory celebration marking the close of a successful campaign to obtain the employment of Negroes on the buses, elevated and surface lines at the Indiana Methodist Church, 56th and Indiana, Chicago, Ill.

Congressman William L. Dawson was one of the speakers at this celebration, and he received a standing ovation by the crowd. He hailed the capitulation of the employers as a "great victory" and one which showed that Chicagoans could fight together for things they deemed worthwhile.(Inft. Not given)

Summary of Intelligence Matters
enclosed with
Copy of Chicago letter, 1-29-44
Re: Quarterly Intelligence Summary
IS Quarterly Report
100-3-14-2033, encl. P. 204
(29)

About December, 1943 Cong. William Dawson of Chicago, Ill. promised to help Ida Pellar, Director of the Fund Drive for the NCAPT with her work. [redacted]

Chicago Rpt. 6-8-44
Re: National Committee To Abolish
The Poll Tax
IS-C
62-67571-62, PP. 1,4
(26)

On 12-30-43 [redacted] *reported that the "DW" planned to publish an anniversary (20th) issue on January 9th (undoubtedly 1944) which was to receive Nationwide distribution. Congressman William Dawson of Chicago, Ill., was among the individuals contacted in an effort to obtain greetings for this issue. (It was not noted whether or not he submitted a greeting to the anniversary issue).* b7D

Chicago Rpt. 2-10-44
Re: CP, USA, District #8
IS-C
100-3-14-2045, P. 6
(14)

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Approx. the latter part of Dec. 1943, William L. Patterson of the ALS, Chicago, Ill., told Cong. William Dawson that Herman M. Finch, public relations counsel from NYC, was in Chicago on the matter of the National Committee to Abolish the Poll Tax. Patterson said that Finch wanted to see Dawson while in Chicago. [redacted] b7D

On 12-31-43 Finch had an appointment to see Dawson and Miss Pierce apparently of the Mayor's Committee on Racial Relations. (no details given) [redacted]

Patterson advised that Dawson was securing an appointment for Finch with the Mayor (name not given) for Monday, 1-3-44. [redacted]

Chicago Rpt. 1-8-44
Re: Abraham Lincoln School
(Chicago Workers School)
IS-C
100-11507-195, PP. 1, 17, 29
(17)

[redacted] advised (probably in the early part of 1944) that Louise Thompson, Midwest President of the IWO, devoted most of her time to recruiting among Negroes living on the South Side, Chicago, Ill., in order to establish a Negro section for the Midwest Division of the IWO. According to informant, Fred Wal, Secretary to William Dawson, and others, were active in the recruiting program.

Chicago Rpt. 7-13-44
Re: International Workers Order in the Chicago Field Division
IS-C
61-7341-9-231, P. 26
(8)

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The "Chicago Sun" of 1-9-44 reported that the AYD was scheduled to hold an emergency conference at the Central YMCA, Chicago, Ill., on that date. It was stated that the AYD had been conducting a nation wide campaign for the passage of a Federal Bill based on the provisions of the original Lucas-Green Bill (Soldiers Vote Bill). Article listed William L. Dawson as one of the sponsors of the Conference.

Chicago Rpt. 4-12-44
Re: CP, USA, District # 8
IS-C
100-3-14-3140, P. 56
(29)
SI 61-777-9-48 [redacted] b7D
(24)

On January 20th and 21st, 1944 the National Council to Establish a Permanent FEPC held a conference in Wash., D. C. At a mass meeting attended by about 350 people, various speakers addressed the audience on the need of legislation to create a permanent FEPC. It was noted that at the time of this conference, there were three separate bills pending before Congress to establish in some form such a committee. One had been introduced by Representative William L. Dawson (Dem., Ill.). During this conference, delegations were sent to various members of Congress urging their support for one of these bills.

After the date of the conference A. Philip Randolph, of the council to Establish a Permanent FEPC, came out in the newspapers as favoring the Bill introduced by Rep. Dawson as the best of the three, and urged support for it.

Inft. not given
WFO Rpt. 3-19-44
Re: Foreign Inspired Agitation Among The American Negroes In The Washington Field Division
IS
100-135-5[illegible]-1[illegible] P. 5
(21)

The "DW" for 1-28-44 reported that the NNC in NYC had been active in a campaign to get congressional signatures to petition # 18 to force Cong. Vito Marcantonio's Bill for a permanent FEPC onto the floor (evidently of the House of Rep., Wash., D. C.) Cong. William L. Dawson of Illinois, had been leading the drive to procure the necessary names for the petition.

This reference enclosed a pamphlet entitled " A Permanent FEPC." This pamphlet contained a partial list of the National Committee of the National Council For A Permanent FEPC. List included the name "Hon. William Dawson."
(Pamphlet furnished by [redacted] on 1-24-44

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WFO Rpt. 2-15-44
Re: National Council For a Permanent FEPC
IS
100-272184-3, P. 11
(35)

In February 1944 various individuals charged the War Dept. with discrimination in the use of Negro combat troops overseas.

It was reported that Dawson, lone Negro Representative of Congress, stated that Secretary of War, Henry L. Stimson, should resign. Dawson thought Stimson was either woefully ignorant on the matter of Negro troops or was purposely carrying out the pattern of Fascist elements within the military establishment whose purpose it was to discredit the Negro fighting men of the nation.

The "Pittsburgh Courier", (date not given) reported that Congressman Dawson stated that"the diabolical activities of some brass hats in strategical positions within the military establishment of the nation is sabotaging the real American program of the President, is robbing the nation of the services of thousands of first class fighting men and causing the death of hundreds of white boys who must fill the front line places of Negro boys who are ready and eager to do their bit if given a chance."

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Source evaluated as completely reliable; information as confirmed by other sources.

MID Rpt. dated 3-13-44
100-135-194
(30)

Correlators Note: Due to the torn condition of this serial the full name of Dawson was not found.

~~"Confidential"~~ (U)

On 2-2-44 a semi-monthly meeting of the March on Washington Movement was held at the Harlem Branch of the YMCA, 135th St., NY, NY, . At this meeting emphases was placed on urging the members to attend the Public Rally to be held at Town Hall on February 7th, to establish a permanent FEPC. Leaflets and free tickets were distributed. Speakers for the rally included Rep. William L. Dawson, D., Illinois.

Copy of MID Memo, dated 2-3-44
100-95014-514
(34)

~~"Confidential"~~ (U)

The "DW", dated 2-3-44, contained an article entitled "Unit on Bills Vital For Permanent FEPC", by Eugene Gordon.

This article discussed bills in the House of Representatives concerning a permanent FEPC. According to the article, Cong. Thomas Scanlon of Pa., and Cong. William L. Dawson drew up a bill in this regard, named H.R. 4004, which went by mistake to the Committee on Labor, and it was still there as of 2-3-44.

Article also discussed a bill, H.R.-1732, by Cong. Vito Marcantonio regarding this matter, and the possibility of combining the two bills.

100-178600-A
(34)
SI 61-6728-371 (No Source)
(25)

On 2-7-44 a Public Rally was held at Town Hall 123 West 43rd. St., NYC, sponsored by the National Council for a Permanent FEPC. The purpose of the meeting was to urge passage of H.R. 3986, a bill to establish a permanent FEPC.

Rep. William Dawson was contacted by telephone and spoke about three minutes by amplifier from Chicago.

Rep. Thomas E. Scanlon from Pa. read a lengthy discourse containing a few excerpts from the Scanlon-Dawson Bill, which was introduced in the House "recently".

Copy of MID Memo, dated 2-17-44
100-95014-525
(19)
SI-100-272184-4 (Copy of MID Memo dated 2-12-44. Source evaluated as completely reliable, information as confirmed by other sources. "Confidential")
(35)
SI as pars. 1 and 2 above
100-135-34-297 (ND-119)
(31)
SI as Par. 1 and 2 above
100-3-4-3437 (No Source)
(28)
SI as Par. 1 and 2 above
100-3-4-3234 (No Source)
(28)

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ (U)

The "United Citizens Victory Committee", Chicago, Ill., attempted to obtain Cong. William Dawson as one of the principal speakers for a Negro History Week unity celebration to be held 2-44, at the Wendell Phillips High School, Chicago.

The telegram inviting Dawson to speak (quoted in full this reference) was signed by "Oscar Brown, 3458-S State Street, Chicago Illinois". (Telegram not dated).

According to inft., the telegram was sent by Louise Thompson of the IWO.

CGO-5034
Chicago Rpt, 3-2-44
Re: International Workers Order in the Chicago Field Division
IS-C
61-7341-9-185
(8)

58-3267 17

Benjamin J. Davis, Jr., CP, NYC Councilman, was scheduled to speak at a meeting at the Wendell Phillips High School auditorium in Chicago, Ill. on 2-20-44. Meeting being held in connection with Negro History Week, was sponsored by the Citizens Victory Committee.

The CP attempted to get Cong. William Dawson to speak at the Ben Davis meeting. [redacted]

According to a leaflet (quoted in this reference) advertising the above mentioned meeting, Cong. Dawson was not one of the speakers.

Chicago Rpt. 4-13-44
Re: CP, USA, Dist. #8
IS-C
100-3-14-2141, PP. 2, 20
(15)

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On 3-9-44 at a regular monthly meeting of the 2nd Ward Branch, of the CP, which was held at the George Washington Carver Center, Chicago, Ill., Comrade Hackney (FNU), member of the UPWA (United Public Workers of America), CIO, discussed the unity which should exist between white and Negro workers, and the importance of electing men who were sympathetic to labor in the 1944 elections. Hackney stated that he was a member of the Committee which met with Cong. William Dawson the week before and that this committee proposed that a South Side Conference of all progressive groups be held. According to Hackney, arrangements were made to hold such a Conference and Dawson agreed to lend his aid to such a proposal. The purpose of this meeting would be to assure President Roosevelt's renomination for a fourth term as President.

[redacted]

Chicago Rpt. 4-11-44
Re: CP, USA, District #8
IS-C
100-3-14-2134, P. 19
(15)

On 3-9-44 Haddock (fnu) asked Elayne Goldstein of NFCL (not identified, possibly National Federation of Constitutional Liberties) for the names of the Congressmen who signed petitions on FEPC bills. (Locality possibly Wash., D. C.)

Elayne had the names of some of the Congressmen which she had obtained by polling them. She had sent the names to NY but she remembered a few, which included Dawson (William L. Dawson*.) The NMU (National Maritime Union) wanted this information.

Tesur log, Wash., D. C. 3-9-44
MC Summary
Entitled, Cominfil CIO Maritime Union
IS-C
100-203268-321
(35)

* Name written in blue pencil on this reference.

On 3-21-44 a conference on the Negro question was started in Chicago, Ill. Rheua Pearce, of the Mayor's Committee on Racial Relations, believed the conference was built up with the idea of creating a big national council for the North comparable to the Southern Council to take care of its own problems and get away from the South on the Negro question.

Rheua was reported to have commented on some Negro press releases concerning Representative William Dawson's suggestion in Washington (D.C.) that a National council of eight people should be formed to work on the whole Negro problem. Pearce believed the conference opened in Chicago might have been a move to counteract Dawson's suggestion.

[redacted] b7D

Chicago Rpt. 4-28-44
Re: Abraham Lincoln School
(Chicago Workers' School)
IS-C
100-11507-251, P. 12
(17)

On 1-9-44 the AYD held a mass meeting at the central YMCA, 19 S. La Salle St., Chicago, Ill. Geraldyne Lightfoot induced Cong. William Dawson to sponsor the meeting.

Geraldyne requested Cong. Dawson to speak on the poll tax bill at a regular meeting of the 3rd Ward Branch, South Side Section CPA, Chicago, on 5-11-44. Dawson's secretary suggested she invite Rep. Corneal Davis to occupy that position. Geraldyne later met with Dawson and he agreed to speak. He suggested she urge the people who would attend the meeting to send letters or telegrams to the Senators from Illinois requesting them to vote for a cloture when this matter was debated in the Senate.

[redacted] b7D

Chicago Rpt. 8-25-44
Re: Geraldyne Lightfoot, wa
IS-C
100-235482-4, PP. 2,5
(20)
SI as par. 1 above
100-3-14-2028, P. 2
(14)

Correlator's Note: It is noted elswhere in this summary, reference 100-3-14-2248, P. 22, that Rep. Davis addressed the meeting of the 3rd Ward Branch on the poll-tax bill.

On 5-8-44 CGO-5038 reported that Geraldyne Lightfoot, CP member of Chicago, Ill., had been attempting to get a speaker on the question of the Poll Tax Bill for a regular meeting of the 3rd Ward Branch, South Side Section of the CP of Chicago, to be held on 5-11-44. She attempted to get Cong. William Dawson to speak, but was unable to do so. Dawson's secretary suggested that she obtain Representative Corneal Davis as a speaker on this occasion. According to inft., Lightfoot met with Corneal Davis, and he agreed to speak before the 3rd Ward Branch. Davis suggested that Lightfoot have all the people who would attend the meeting send letters or telegrams to the senators from Illinois and ask them to vote for a Cloture.

An article in the "Chicago Defender" for Saturday, 5-20-44 reported that Rep. Corneal Davis was the guest speaker at the Third Ward Club of the CP "Thursday Night" at its meeting centering around the fight against the poll tax.

Chicago Rpt. 6-27-44
Re: CP, USA, District No. 8
IS-C
100-3-14-2248, P. 22
(15)

A meeting of the Illinois Midwest Negro people's Assembly to Draft Roosevelt was held in Chicago on June 24th and 25th, 1944. Meeting held under the co-sponsorship of the Negro People's Assembly and the Douglas-Washington Institute.

On 6-25-44 Congressman William L. Dawson was one of the speakers at the meeting, which was held in the Savoy Ballroom. The entire program was a political movement to Draft President Roosevelt for a fourth term and to support the Administration.

It was the informants opinion that this meeting was Communist inspired and dominated.

SPR-1153
Springfield Rpt. 7-31-44
Re: Foreign Inspired Agitation Among the American Negro In The Springfield Division
IS
100-135-52-56, P. 2
(31)
SI 100-330738-8 ("DW" 6-29-44) b7D
(35)
[redacted]
(35)
SI 100-3-14-3252 (Conf. Infts. - Symbol Number not given)
(29)
SI as Pars. 1 & 2 above
100-3-14-3276, P. 121 (Inft. not given)
(29)

On 7-20-44 [redacted] reported that William L. Patterson, Assistant Director of the ALS, and a member of the National Committee of the CPA, had had a long conversation with Congressman William Dawson, of Chicago, Ill., concerning Dawson's working with the Negro People's Assembly for the re-election of President Roosevelt. (No details of the conversation were given).

Chicago Rpt. 12-12-44
Re: Negro People's Assembly, formerly known as Illinois Midwest Negro People's Assembly
IS-C
100-327833-15, P. 4
(21)

On 8-27-44 an Action Conference "Labor For Roosevelt" was held at Boulevard Hall, 366 East 47th St., Chicago, Ill. About 370 delegates representing organized labor in the 1st and 2nd CDs participated in this meeting.

Congressman William L. Dawson was represented by Leon Harris (not identified), who spoke for five minutes on the National Political Situation and urged the delegates to register the voters in their precincts and wards in order that they might reelect President Roosevelt.

[redacted] b7D

Chicago Rpt. 10-17-44
Re: CPA District #8
IS-C
100-3-14-2398, P. 9
(29)

During September 1944 the activities of the AYD among the Negroes of the South Side Section of Chicago, Ill, were centered around getting organized for a program which was to be held on 10-14-44 at the Morrison Hotel. Congressman William L. Dawson was one of the sponsors of the program, which was entitled "Salute to Young America." (Inft. not given)

Chicago Rpt. 9-26-44
Re: Foreign Inspired Agitation Among The American Negroes In The Chicago Field Division
IS
100-135-9-112, P. 2
(30)

Exhibit No. 1. dated 1-14-39 at NYC, in the "Abraham Lincoln Brigade" section of the appendix to an HCUA report regarding Communist front organizations, listed Alderman William L. Dawson, of the Second Ward, Chicago, Ill., among the "American Communists and Sympathizers who Fought For Loyalist Spain."
(Page 277)

Exhibit No. 1 in the "Testimonial Dinner For Ferdinand C. Smith" section of the above mentioned report, which was from the "DW" for 9-11-44, P. 2, listed Rep. William L. Dawson as a sponsor for a testimonial dinner honoring Ferdinand C. Smith, national secretary of the National Maritime Union, to be held at the Hotel Commodore in New York on 9-20-44. The dinner was being given in recognition of Smith's outstanding service to labor, the Negro People and the nation. (Page 1623)

Serial described above
61-7582-1298, PP. 277, 1623
(25)

The "Chicago Defender" for 9-30-44 reported that Congress had recessed until Nov. 14, and left FEPC legislation up in the air. The bill was held up in the House. Then before a delegation could see the President the recess ensued.

The Permanent FEPC Council wanted Walter White, A. Philip Randolph, William Dawson, and the President of the Negro Publishers Association (name not given) to go to the White House with them but Dawson was in New York and the Publisher declined.
(Inft. not clearly stated)

The National Council for a permanent FEPC arranged for Walter White of the NAACP, A. Philip Randolph of the March on Washington, and Representative William L. Dawson to have a conference with President Roosevelt to seek his, the President's endorsement for a permanent FEPC. (Inft. not clearly stated).
(No date given)

WFO Rpt. 10-20-44
Re: Foreign Inspired Agitation Among The American Negroes In The Wash. Field Division
IS
100-135-53-168, PP 4, 6
(16)

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The 10-7-44 issue of the "People's Voice", Negro Newspaper, contained an article entitled "Powell, Wallace Blast Dewey, GOP Platform". Article reported that Chicago Congressman William L. Dawson made a political speech to a crowd of 4,000 persons at the Golden Gate (Locality and Date not given).

Dawson stated "the battle lines are clearly drawn, the issues are plain." He said party lines had been forgotten in the 1944 election. He said "the same old gang that created the 1933 depression is now sponsoring the Republican party to-day". He named the accomplishments of the New Deal, and said "Roosevelt inherited the depression, he didn't create it." He declared " Roosevelt has done more to help the Negro than any other President since Lincoln. Negro-baiting and race hating in the South existed before Roosevelt".

Above mentioned clipping enclosed with
NY memo 10-23-44
Re: The "People's Voice
IS
100-51230-132
(34)

On 9-23-44 [redacted] made available an invitation to the AYD Anniversary banquet called,"Salute to Young America," to be held 10-14-44 in the Grand Ball Room of the Morrison Hotel, Chicago, Ill. This invitation listed Cong. William L. Dawson as one of the sponsors.

On the above date [redacted] also made available a flyer pertaining to the above mentioned affair. The flyer indicated that the speakers of the evening would include Cong. William L. Dawson of Illinois. b7D

Chicago Rpt. 10-20-44
Re: AYD
IS-C
61-777-9-109, PP. 9, 10
(24)

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On 4-28-44 Mrs. Carl Lieber, Executive Secretary of the Illinois-Indiana Region of the AYD asked Congressman William L. Dawson to speak at the National AYD Conference to be held in Wasington, D.C. (date not given). Mrs. Lieber later advised Bob McCarthy of 13 Astor Place, NYC. (not further identified) by telegram, that Dawson had consented to cooperate with them and that he should be contacted.

Dawson was scheduled to speak at a banquet which was held at the Morrison Hotel, Chicago, to celebrate the First Anniversary of the AYD, on 10-14-44, but he was unexpectedly called to Washington.

[redacted]
Chicago Rpt. 1-31-45
Re: Mrs. Carl I. Lieber Nee Molly Sheiman,
was.
IS-C
100-44142-17 PP. 2,4
(31)
SI as Par. 2 above
100-135-9-120, P. 2 (Inft. not given)
(30)
SI as par 2 above
[redacted]
(34)

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On 10-14-44 Delories Gerrard, president of the Teheran Club, AYD, Chicago, Ill., told Molly Lieber, of AYD hdqrs., that she attempted to induce Frederick P. Wall, secretary to Cong. William L. Dawson, to attend the AYD anniversary banquet at the Morrison Hotel, Chicago, on that date, but that Wall had refused to come.

[redacted]
Chicago Rpt. 3-16-45
Re: Delories Madolene Gerrard, wa, Delores Gerrard
IS-C
100-340278-3, P. 8
(35)

In the latter part of November 1944, Otto Wangerin (not identified, possibly of Chicago, Ill.) contacted Cong. William Dawson concerning the reputed membership of Governor Dwight H. Green, of Illinois, in the Ku Klux Klan. Wangerin advised that he had talked to Lloyd C. Moody, former law partner of Green, who had claimed that Green was a member of the Klan. (No further details were given).

[redacted]

Chicago letter, 11-15-44
Re: CPA, District #8
IS-C
100-3-14-2435
(15)

The 11-4-44 issue of the "Afro-American" announced that "for the first time since reconstruction, those colored men, both Democrats, will sit in the U.S. Congress next year. They are Adam Powell, of New York, and William L. Dawson, of Chicago. Congressman Dawson is also Assistant Chairman of the Democratic National Committee and the first colored man to hold such an appointed office in either major political party."

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WFO Rpt. 11-25-44
Re: Foreign Inspired Agitation Among the American Negroes In The Washington Field Division
IS
100-135-53-172, P. 35
(31)

In the latter part of 1944, [redacted] *advised that William Dawson was known to be a contact of Morris Childs, President of District No. 8, CPA, Chicago, Ill.*

Chicago Rpt. 12-3-44
Re: CPA, District No. 8
IS-C
100-3-14-2444, P. 37
(15)

In the latter part of 1945, William L. Dawson Negro Congressman (Ill.) was in favor of President Truman's request for peacetime Military training.
(Evaluation not given)

MID Rpt. 10-26-45 to 11-2-45
100-7660-3435 P. 11
(32)

~~"CONFIDENTIAL"~~ (U)

In the latter part of Dec., 1944 or first part of January 1945 the CIO, IUC appointed a committee to plan a reception and dance for Adam Clayton Powell of NYC and Congressman Dawson of Chicago to be held at the Uline's Arena (possibly Wash., D.C.) Reception to be sponsored by the IUC and other trade union groups. (no inft. given)

The "Pittsburgh Courier" for 12-23-44 contained an article by Ernest E. Johnson in which he stated that Congressman, William L. Dawson had confirmed the fact that he had called upon the War and Navy Depts. to institute studies immediately into the establishment of basic policies with regard to the inclusion of Negroes in the post War Military establishment of the U.S. Dawson declared that intelligent planning "now" would make for a more efficient utilization of Negro Manpower.

WFO Rpt. 1-30-45
Re: Foreign Inspired Agitation Among American Negroes in the Wash. Field Division
IS
100-135-53-193, PP. 3, 25
(31)

On 1-9-45 Calvin Cousins told James Branca, President of the local CPA, Washington, D.C. that he had been unsuccessful in obtaining the support of the IWO as a sponsor for a reception planned for Negro Congressmen William Dawson and Adam Powell. Cousins suggested that perhaps Branca would have more influence.

[redacted]

WFO Rpt. 2-19-45
Re: Calvin Cousins, was.
IS-C
100-48036-16
(18)
SI 61-7341-53-30
(8)

b7D

On 1-25-45 the Washington Bookshop Association of Wash., D.C., sponsored a forum on "Opportunities for Minorities". Cong. William Dawson, declined to speak at this forum.

[redacted]

WFO Rpt. 3-31-45
Re: The Washington Bookshop Association
IS-C
100-24699-87, P. 1
(17)

Newspaper (not named) reports indicated that a reception was planned during the latter part of February, 1945 for colored Representatives William L. Dawson and Adam C. Powell.

It was noted that the Dawson-Powell Reception Committee failed to secure Uline's Arena for the event, but were successful in securing the use of the Dept. of Labor Auditorium. Two thousand guest were expected to attend.

(Inft. not given)

The Wash., D.C., branch of the IWO were asked by members of the local CPA to sponsor the reception mentioned above. Inft. did not know whether or not the IWO consented to be a sponsor. [redacted] b7D

On 2-1-45 Powell was the main speaker at a mass meeting held at the Metropolitan Baptist Church on R. Street between 12th & 13th Sts, N.W., Wash., D.C. Meeting held to commemorate the signing of the Thirteenth Amendment. During his speech, Powell stated that he and Dawson had written letters to the Secretary of the Navy on the question of recruiting Negro nurses, which resulted in the statement by the Navy that Negro nurses were acceptable. (MID)

WFO Rpt. 2-20-45
Re: Foreign Inspired Agitation
Amond American
Negroes In The Wash. Field Division
IS
100-135-53-204 PP. 8,34,40,43
(16,31)

According to a report, dated 1-20-45, which was distributed throughout the country by the National Council for a Permanent FEPC, 930 F. St., N.W., Wash., D.C. William L. Dawson, D., Ill., was sponsor of a FEPC Bill No. H.R.700.

The "Washington Tribune" of 2-3-45 reported that Rep. Dawson joined Rep. Adam C. Powell, on 1-31-45, in asking defeat of the so-called FEPC amendment to the May Labor Draft Bill for men under forty five. Dawson argued that the amendment would add nothing to the authority of the FEPC, and urged passage of a separate FEPC Bill.

The "Chicago Defender" of 2-10-45 contained an article regarding the reaction toward Cong. Dawson and Powell. The article stated in part.

"When America's only two Negro Congressmen, Reps. William L. Dawson and Adam Clayton Powell, voted against legislation to bar race discrimination in war employment, they shocked every Negro voter in the land.----------
Dawson will argue that voting against the FEPC rider was good politics, that he had to go along with the Democratic Majority, that he was bargaining for future Democratic support to legislation benefiting Negroes...."

George S. Schuyler (not identified) wrote a column in the "Pittsburgh Courier on 2-17-45 in which he severely criticized Dawson and Powell for their opposition to the FEPC amendment. The article (part of which was quoted in this reference) contained the following statement" According to the record, Congressman Dawson did not vote at all, for or against."

WFO Rpt. 2-26-45
Re: National Council For A Permanent Fair Employment Practice Committee
IS
100-372184-10 PP. 7,14,16,17
(35)

The "Peoples Voice", dated 2-17-45, page 3, contained an article entitled "Congressman's Stand Lauded". Article stated that Congressman Adam Clayton Powell (Negro was flooded with congratulatory messages for the stand he took in defeating the so-called FEPC amendment to the May-Bailey work-or-jail bill, in the House "recently".

This article reported that an editorial in the "Louisville Times" (date not given) lauded Congressman William L. Dawson, for standing with Powell, asserting that "such men can advance their race as it will not be advanced by whites who are sentimental fools or flamboyant pretenders."

100-51230-A
(34)

Under date of 2-20-45 the National Council for a Permanent FEPC at 930 F St., N.W., Wash., D.C. distributed throughout the country a report to keep local communities advised on the progress of the FEPC Legislation in Congress.

According to this report, William L. Dawson, (D) of Ill. was a sponsor of the Bi-Partisan FEPC Bill in the House, H.R. 2232.

An article in the "Washington Tribune" on 2-24-45 stated that the New Faces Guild, Washington's Premier Dramatic Club would present a revival of their musical comedy "The Devil to Pay" at the Howard Theater in Wash. on March 16 and 17, 1945, for the benefit of the National Council for a permanent FEPC.

The Washington "Afro-American" on 2-24-45 announced that Congressman William L. Dawson was one of the patrons of the above mentioned musical comedy.

WFO Rpt. 3-19-45
Re: National Council For A Permanent Fair Employment Practice Committee
IS
100-272184-12, PP. 10, 15
(35)

In the latter part of March 1945, [redacted] reported that Romania Ferguson, organizer of the South Side Council, of the CPA, Chicago, Ill., had had several conferences with (State) Senator C.C. Wimbish and Frederick Wall, Secretary to Cong. William Dawson, in an attempt to coordinate the machinery of the local Democratic Party and the CPA to back Roosevelt and the San Francisco Peace Conference. (No further details were given)

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Chicago letter, 3-31-45
Re: CPA, District # 8
IS-C
100-3-14-2592
(15)
SI 100-135-9-150 P. 3
(30)

In February or March 1945, [redacted] reported that Romania Ferguson, organizer of the South Side Council, CPA of Chicago, Ill., believed that the CPA should coordinate with the Democratic Party in an effort to support President Roosevelt's platforms. In this regard she was reported planning conferences with Congressman William Dawson and his Secretary, Frederick Wall. The purpose was to obtain publicity on the forthcoming Peace Conference in San Francisco and an effort to clarify the issues on the Peace Conference for the people.

Chicago Rpt. 4-5-45
Re: CPA, District # 8
IS-C
100-3-14-2597, P. 21
(15)

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On 3-3-45 a meeting of the Powell Dawson Reception Committee was held at the hdqrs. of the Cafeteria Workers Union, 1015 M. St., N.W., Washington, D.C. This committee was organized for the purpose of planning a reception for Congressmen Adam Powell of NYC and William Dawson of Chicago, the first two Negroes to be elected to Congress at one term since 1899. It was reported that all efforts to secure the Dept. of Labor auditorium for the Powell-Dawson reception had failed.

Later plans for the reception were abandoned by the Committee because so much time had elapsed since the opening of the 79th Congress, a reception for the Congressmen would have been out of place.

[redacted]

WFO Rpt. 5-24-45
Re: Virginia Gardner, was.
IS-C
100-198989-18, P. 4
(20)
SI as Par. 2 above.
61-6728-472
(8)

In planning to coordinate the work of the Chicago South Side Negro CPA Clubs with the already existing machinery of the Democratic Party, Romania Ferguson conferred with Frederick Wall, Secretary to Cong. William Dawson, on 3-7-45. Romania proposed that several of the CPA Clubs work with the Democratic Party's set-up on the South Side in an effort to advertise and popularize the Dumbarton Oakes agreement.

According to inft., no definite plans were carried out in regard.

[redacted] b7D

Chicago Rpt. 4-26-45
Re: Romania Ferguson, was
IS-C
100-12857-36, P. 2
(17)

The "Washington Tribune" on 3-10-45 announced that Cong. William L. Dawson of Chicago, and George Johnson, attorney and assistant chairman of the FEPC would discuss the President's FEPC that evening at the MU-So-Lit Club, 1327 R. Street, N.W., Wash., D.C.

On 1-15-45 Reverend W. H. Jernigan, Head of the Washington Bureau of Fraternal Council of Negro Churches and Chairman of the Cong. Powell and Dawson reception committee, distributed a circular letter in connection with the reception. The letter (which was quoted in this reference) stated in part.: "Representatives William L. Dawson and Adam C. Powell are in Congress by mandate of the workers and the little people. They are there by virture of the white as well as the Negro Votes of their respectives districts, Illinois and New York." [redacted]

On 1-25-45 the Legislative and Information Service of the International Labor Defense, 412 East 19th St., NY, published "Letter No. 4." a part of this letter gave notice that on 1-4-45, Cong. William Dawson introduced before the Rules Committee of the House of Representatives a resolution proposing as follows: That a special Committee of seven members be appointed, authorized and directed to make a full and complete study of race relations in the United States." Letter set out 6 items to be covered in this study. (Items quoted in this reference).

The paper stated that under the enlightened and advanced leaderships of Rep. Dawson, such a special Committee could make one of the most valuable, positive contributions to national unity and the solution of many problems which vex the war effort.

WFO Rpt. 3-16 and 17-45
Re: Foreign Inspired Agitation Among The
American Negroes In The Washington Field Division
IS
100-135-53-203, PP. 7,14,39
(16, 31)

On 3-21-45 [redacted] *(evidently of Wash., D. C., but not further identified) talked to the secretary of Congressman William Dawson of Illinois. Secretary doubted that Dawson could see* [redacted] *that week. She,* [redacted] *would try again the next week.* b7D

Tesur Log, Wash., D.C. 3-21-45
MC Summary
Entitled, Cominfil CIO Maritime Committee
IS-C
100-203268-667
(20)

On 3-31-45 the NY Field Office furnished a memo, dated 3-30-45, regarding "Negro Trends". According to this memo Adam Clayton Powell, Jr., pastor of the Abyssinian Baptist Church, NYC, proposed that a Negro delegation attend the Allied Nations Conference on World Peace in San Francisco, Calif., on April 25th (undoubtedly 1945). He suggested several persons for the delegation, including Cong. William L. Dawson of Illinois.

Above memtioned memo inclosed with
NYC Memo, 3-31-45
Re: Communist Political Association, Dist.
No. 2, NY Field Division
IS-C
100-3-4-4490
(28)

Following the death of President Roosevelt (which was approximately 4-14-45) the "Los Angeles Tribune" (date not given) contained an article entitled "Negro Fearful as Truman Sworn In". The article bore a Washington date line, and reported that "titular heads of the Negro block in the party, Representatives William L. Dawson, Congressman from Illinois, and Attorney Clayton Powell, Jr., Congressman from New York, were among the first to pay their respects to Mrs. Roosevelt and pledge their support to the new President."

Los Angeles Rpt. 4-23-45
Re: Foreign Inspired Agitation Among American
Negroes In The Los Angeles Field Division
IS
100-135-26-156, P. 15
(30)

In May 1945, during the United Nations Conference on International Organization (UNCID) the Council on African affairs (CAA) maintained temporary hdqrs. at 988 Market St., San Francisco, Calif., under the direction of Dr. Max Yergan, Executive Director. Yergan advised that the CAA purpose of attending the UNCIO was to get something done on Colonial issues, and if unsuccessful, to be in a position to tell the people why they were unable to put over their program.

Yergan disclosed that the CAA planned to call a conference of Negro observers in Wash., D.C., on 6-16-45. The conference was to be built around prominent individuals, including Cong. William Dawson. Purpose of this conference would be to follow up the San Francisco conference and to preserve and extend the gains already made and to emphasize unity as essential; also to reject and support international gains.

[redacted] b7D

San Francisco Rpt. 9-26-45
Re: Council on African Affairs
IS-C
100-69266-123
(19)

On 5-22-45 [redacted] supplied a copy of a pamphlet entitled "Equal Justice Under Law" which was being distributed by the Committee For Equal Justice For Mrs. Recy Taylor, a Negro who was allegedly raped on 9-3-44 on Abbeville, Ala., by six white youths.

This pamphlet contained a list of the sponsors for above named Committee. The list, which was set out in this reference, contained the name of "Hon. William L. Dawson", The name was listed for the state of Illinois.

NY Rpt. 8-25-45
Re: Committee For Equal Justice For Mrs. Recy.
Taylor aka Provisional Committee to Procure Justice For Mrs. Recy Taylor
IS-C
100-341902-2, P. 16
(35)

The "Peoples Voice", Communist controlled Negro Newspaper, for 6-30-45, carried an article concerning a conference which was held in Wash., D. C. Article reported the conference was held for the purpose of uniting Negro leadership around common aims and to promote joint action on problems effecting the welfare of the Negroes in America. Article stated that the conference ended "the preceding Saturday" with an urgent plea to the President and Senators to keep the FEPC alive. Article named Rep. William L. Dawson, as one of the sponsors of the conference.

NY Rpt. 10-29-45
Re: Foreign Inspired Agitation Among The American Negroes In The NY Field Division
IS
100-135-34-521, P. 5
(31)
SI 100-7660-3102 (MID Rpt. - ~~"Confidential"~~ (U) date of meeting 6-23-45)
(32)
SI 100-7660-3069 (MID Rpt.- ~~"Confidential"~~ (U) Date of Meeting 6-23-45)
(32)

On 9-14-45 the NYC Field Office furnished a nine page log of a conference between Max Yergan of NYC, known to be very closely allied with Communist forces, and Mary Bethune, head of National Council of Negro Women, which was reported by NYT-245 on 8-26-45.

It was noted from this log that they discussed the FEPC and the formation of a committee of Negroes to go before President Truman on this matter. This report included information reflecting the differences between forces calling for a permanent FEPC, namely those backing the bill by Congressman Dawson and that sponsored by Vito Marcantonio (Cong.) It was Yergan's opinion that Dawson (believed to be Congressman William Dawson) should be included in the delegation to see the President.

Original and Copies of above
mentioned log
enclosed with
NY Letter 9-14-45
Re: National Council For Permanent
FEPC
IS-C
100-272184-15
(20)
SI 100-135-53-230, PP. 7,8
(31)
SI 100-7660-3334 (MID Rpt. (U) ~~Confidenti~~
(17)

Congressman William L. Dawson was named as one of the speakers for a meeting of the Labor's Council For Community Action (formerly Douglas Washington Institute) to be held 9-16-45 at the Du Sable High School, 49th and Wabash Ave., Chicago, Ill. [redacted] b7D

According to a leaflet advertising the above meeting the meeting was to be held to discuss jobs and to fight for a full employment bill, permanent FEPC, $25 weekly unemployment compensation for 26 weeks, new Social Security bill, etc.

Chicago Rpt. 10-24-45
Re: John Matthew Gray
IS-C
100-41747-13, P. 5
(34)
SI as par. 1 above
100-135-9-176 (Leaflet advertising the meeting)
(30)
SI 100-3-14-2811, P. 23
(29)

About October 1945 William Patterson, Chicago, Ill. conferred with Metz Lochard, editor of the "Chicago Defender" in regard to obtaining that paper's support of a campaign against peace-time universal military service and a "Jim Crow" Army. Lochard agreed to print an editorial provided Patterson would furnish him with an appropriate rough draft. In the course of his conversation, Patterson said he was already thinking in terms of the 1946-48 elections and that he did not trust William Dawson as he trusted no one who endorsed Bilbo (evidently Senator Bilbo). Patterson stated he would confer with Lochard again concerning that paper's future policy with respect to Dawson.

[redacted] b7D

Chicago Rpt. 12-12-45
Re: William Lorenzo Patterson, was.
IS-C
100-39-75, P. 4
(13)

An article appearing in the 10-20-45 issue of the "Journal and Guide", Negro newspaper, reported that prominent colored persons differed in their reactions to the recommendation of General George C. Marshall, Army Chief of Staff, in his annual report of 10-9-45, that this Country adopt peacetime conscription, but that all were in agreement that the Negro soldiers must not be segregated or discriminated against in the Armed Forces. The article stated that Representative William L. Dawson, of Chicago, Ill., and others were unequivocally in accord with the General's recommendation for peacetime conscription.

MID Rpt. 10-21-45 to 10-27-45
100-7660-3503
(32)

On October 3,17 and 24, 1945 meetings of the State Bipartisan Committee for a Pennsylvania FEPC were held in Philadelphia, Pa. At these meetings, plans were made for a mass rally to be held at Town Hall auditorium, Broad and Race Streets, Philadelphia, on 11-29-45. Plans were also made to obtain speakers for the meeting which included Congressman William L.* Dawson.

(T-1: Henry Brogden, Negro investigator for the Army Quartermaster Depot. [redacted] b7D

The individuals named by [redacted] as being among the speakers who addressed the above mentioned mass rally on 11-29-45 did not include William Dawson.

Philadelphia Rpt. 4-3-46
Re: State Bipartisan Committee For A Pennsylvania Fair Employment Practices Committee
100-344664-3, PP. 34,36,41
(36)

Charles Houston, member of the FEPC, tendered his resignation to President Truman on 12-3-45, and included a lengthy letter explaining his reasons for such action. The letter outlined the course of events leading up to the President's refusal to allow the FEPC to issue a directive to the Capital Transit Co., Wash., D. C. The directive would have required the Capital Transit Co. to upgrade Negroes to positions of platform and bus operators.

On being interrogated by Negro reporters, Congressmen William L. Dawson and Adam Powell refused comment on the Houston resignation.

Source evaluated as completely reliable; information as confirmed by other sources.

MID RPT. 11-30-45 to 12-7-45
100-7660-3508
(38)

~~"Confidential"~~ (U)

* William L. was written in reference with a blue pencil.

During the last few days of Dec. 1945 and early January 1946, leading Communist at the CP South Side Section hdqrs., Chicago, Ill., were making arrangements for a delegation to visit William L. Dawson who was home in Chicago for the holidays. The purpose of this delegation was to urge Dawson to bring his influence in Congress to do away with the Committee on Un-American Affairs. The delegation included known Communists. Other members of the delegation were to represent non-Communist organizations in the Negro Community.

[redacted]

Chicago Memo, 1-15-46
Re: CP District #8 (Negro)
IS-C
100-3-14-2861
(29)

[redacted] P. 15 (D[redacted]
call on Dawson on 1-5-46. [redacted]

[redacted]
(29)

b7D

During the week of 1-27-46 to 2-2-46, the "Pittsburgh Courier", Negro newspaper, agitated for new legislation concerning Negro officers being discharged from the services against their wishes. The paper asked its readers to write Congressman William Dawson of Illinois who had promised to introduce such legislation during the 1945 Congressional session, at the request of the paper.

MID Rpt. 1-27-46 to 2-2-46
100-7660-3680
(17)

On 3-8-46 at a CP functionaries Meeting of District 8, in Chicago, Ill., it was announced that the National Committee of the CP was sending a delegation to Wash., D.C. to protest the handling of the racial disturbances at Columbia, Tenn.

[redacted])

[redacted] reported that William Patterson received a wire (date not given), apparently from a member of the Washington delegation, advising him of the developments at the seat of government. b7D

This reference reported, "It appeared that William L. Dawson, Illinois Congressman, by reason of pressure exerted from Chicago, had succeeded in lining up eleven Congressmen for the purpose of protesting the handling of the Columbia situation. This Congressional group had met before the arrival of the delegation and had agreed to request the Department of Justice to investigate and prosecute the offenders at Columbia by reason of the violation of the Civil Rights statues. Dawson placed this decision in a statement form, but according to the wire, the Chicago delegation was unable to locate either Dawson or the statement and requested that Dawson be contacted." William Patterson "thereupon personally discussed the matter with Congressman Dawson and was assured that the statement had been concluded, that the meeting had already been discussed with the Attorney General."

Chicago Rpt. 5-29-46
Re: William Lorenzo Patterson, was
IS-C
100-39-81, P. 4
(30)
SI as par. 2,3 above
44-1366-18
(5)

The "DW" for 3-27-46 contained an article entitled "Wallace Hails Negro Vet Organization Campaign". This article named Cong. William Dawson as one of the scheduled speakers for a conference to be held in Chicago, Ill., on April 6-7, 1946. Conference being held to form a national veterans organization.

100-344537-A
(21)

The first National Convention of the National Veterans Organization, a Negro group, was scheduled to open in Chicago, Ill., on 4-6-46.

A mass rally climaxing the conference was to be held on Sunday, 4-7-46, with Representative William L. Dawson (Dem., Ill.) giving one of the principal addresses.

Source evaluated as usually reliable; information as probably true.

MID Rpt. 3-30-46 to 4-6-46
100-7660-3787
(33)

~~"Confidential"~~ (U)

On 4-18-46 Robert Minor, member of the National Committee, CP, addressed a meeting, of about 110 people, at the Bank Street Baptist Church, Norfolk, Va. Minor's speech was in regard to the Columbia, Tennessee, race riot, which had for its apparent purpose the stirring up of ill feeling between the white and Negro races.

After completing his speech Minor cited some Negro political successes, and included William L. Dawson, and Adam Clayton Powell. He described and praised highly the work of the modern day Negro Congressman.

Fisur; [redacted] b7D
Norfolk Rpt. 10-30-46
Re: Foreign Inspired Agitation Among The American Negroes, Norfolk Field Division
IS
100-135-56-52, P. 18
(31)

V. W. Peterson, Operating Director of the Chicago Crime Commission, advised that syndicate gambling activities could not operate within a Ward without the approval of the Ward Committeeman. He named the Wards in which syndicate gambling was most prevalent as of April 1947. The Wards named included the second Ward, for which William L. Dawson was listed a (Democratic) Committeeman.

In 1946 Congressman William Levi Dawson received pay-offs from the policy racket in Chicago. Clifford H. Tavernier, Negro lawyer, represented the policy syndicate in Chicago, Ill., for several years and was closely associated with Dawson. (Chicago PD)

Robert Wilcox, colored (deceased), advised (probably 1946) that the payoff man of the syndicate was Cong. Wm. L. Dawson. Wilcox said Dawson was the most powerful man on the south side (Chicago) and could accomplish almost anything with respect to police protection. According to Wilcox, Dawson made the following statement "Nothing will run in my Ward unless I have a piece of it." (Information furnished by Wilcox regarding the activities of Dawson was set out in detail and at great length in this reference).

It was reported that Dawson kept a white girl at the Pershing Hotel, Chicago, Ill. It was later determined that the white girl had left the Hotel and that Dawson had a colored girl as his mistress. (Chicago Crime Commission)

On 6-13-46, A. H. Caldwell, author of "Policy Gang", a novel based on the policy racket in Chicago, when asked whether Dawson was head of the syndicate which operated the policy racket, replied "Dawson and I are very close friends and we have known each other for several years but I'll not bet you five cents that he isn't". (Chicago Crime Commission)

In 1946 some pay offs on the numbers or policy racket, which operated on the South Side of Chicago, were made to William L. Dawson.

(James M. Ragen, Racing News Czar deceased.
CGO-40)

Chicago Memo, 4-15-47
Re: General Crime Survey Chicago Division, 4-15-47,
enclosing copies of General Crime Survey report for the period 4-15-46 to 4-15-47, for the Chicago Field Division
62-75147-9-62, encl. PP. 12, 19, 39 135, 149 - 151, 201, 268, 271, 278, 280 281
(37)

The "Chicago Tribune", dated 10-10-46, contained an editorial which concerned the United Packinghouse Workers of America, CIO, and entitled" A Union That Betrayed Its Members." Article reported that the leaders of this union were Communist or fellow travelers in many instances. They were quite willing to sacrifice the welfare of the members, whose interests they were paid to represent, in order to fasten on the nation the totalitarian controls that were part of the Communist program. These same Red unionists were active in the "PAC", which was campaigning in Chicago for the reelection of the Democratic congressmen who voted for meat control. Article named "these city hall stooges", which included William L. Dawson,

Newspaper clipping mentioned above enclosed with
Chicago memo, 10-10-46
Re: Cominfil United Packinghouse Workers of America, CIO
IS-C
100-35658-9-63
(38)

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On 10-25-46 a meeting of the Chicago Branch of the United Committee of South Slavic Americans was held at 1907 South Racine Ave., Chicago, Ill., During this political meeting William L. Dawson, and other candidates were endorsed for Congress.

[redacted] b7D

Chicago Rpt. 12-12-46
Re: United Committee of South Slavic Americans
Registration Act
100-212169-513
(35)

Approximately the latter part of Nov., 1946, officials of the United Negro and Allied Veterans of America (evidently of Wash., D. C.) stated that Representative William L. Dawson would introduce in the forthcoming session of Congress, a National Housing Fair Practices Act, aimed at illegalizing race discrimination in federally financed housing projects.

Source evaluated as usually reliable; information as probably true.

NYC Rpt. 11-15-46 to 11-22-46
100-76000-4147, F. 13
(39)

~~"Secret"~~ (U)

By report dated 11-3-46 at Toledo, Ohio, Conf. Inft. E.H. 1 advised that the Charles A. Cottrill Republican Club presented Perry Howard at the Frederick Douglass Center, (evidently Toledo, Ohio) on that date. According to this report, Attorney Perry W. Howard, National Republican Committeeman from Mississippi, in discussing the anti-poll tax bill, praised the record of Cong. Homer A. Ramey. He said Ramey supported the Anti Poll tax bill, the Anti-lynching bill; and could always be depended on to support any bill aiding the Negro cause. Howard also said Ramey had a better voting record than either of the Negro Congressmen. According to inft., he was referring to Congressman William L.*Dawson (D) of Illinois, and Rev. Adam C.* Powell, Jr.,* (D) of New York.

Serial Described above
100-342170-40
(35)

In October 1955 a chart of the officers of the Chicago branch of the National Lawyers Guild for the period 1938 to 1947, was furnished the Bureau on a highly confidential basis.

According to this chart, William L. Dawson was a member of the Executive Board. The remarks column contained the following for Dawson "Congressman. Many CP fronts."

Photostatic copy of above mentioned chart attached to
Memo to Chicago, 10-17-55
Re: National Lawyers Guild
IS-C: IS Act of 1950
100-7321-1230 encl. P. 6
(32)

* Names William L; Adam C; and Jr. were written in reference with a blue pencil.

On January 9, 10, 1947 fifteen delegates representing the Southern Negro Youth Congress called on Senators and Representatives in Wash., D. C. including Rep. William L. Dawson of Illinois. The delegation was led by Edward K. Weaver of Montgomery, Ala., and included delegates from North Carolina, New Orleans, La., Jackson, Miss., and Birmingham, Ala.

Proposals submitted by the group called for anti-poll-tax; anti-lynching; fair employment practice legislation; a 65¢ minimum wage law; federal act to aid education; National health legislation; extension of Social Security benefits; and a Youth employment training program.

Source evaluated as usually reliable; information as probably true.

MID Rpt. 1-10-47 to 1-17-47
100-7660-4248
(33)

~~"Secret"~~ (U)

On 7-18-44 Mollie Lieber of the AYD hdqrs., Chicago, Ill. told an unidentified newspaper reporter that the AYD had received a letter from Cong. Dawson indicating he favored the legislation to enable 18 year old persons to vote.

[redacted]

On 8-29-44 Dick Mandell of the AYD named Cong. Dawson as a sponsor of the AYD.

[redacted]

b7D

Cong. William L. Dawson was one of the scheduled speakers for a meeting of the Chicago Civil Liberties Committee to be held on 8-22-43 at 41st and South Park, Chicago.

[redacted]

In April, 1947, a Chicago Civil Liberties Committee leaflet listed Rep. William Dawson as a member of the Advisory Board. Leaflet was in support of the CCLC program and was an appeal for membership. (CG-[illegible] furnished leaflet on [illegible])

Chicago Letter, [illegible]
Re: William L. Dawson, Commissioner of Customs
U.S. Treasury Dept., Chicago, Ill.
LGF
121-[illegible]-3. PP. [illegible]
([illegible])

It was noted that about May or June 1947 the Southern Conference for Human Welfare joined with other organizations and unions in fighting the Taft-Hartley Labor Bill, and had circulated petitions in Wash. (D.C.) petitioning the House District of Columbia Committee to open hearings on the Equal Rights Act of the Dist. of Columbia, which bill, HR [illegible], was introduced into the [illegible]th Congress by Cong. Dawson of Illinois to prohibit racial discrimination in places of public accommodation, resort and amusement. (No inft. given)

On 6-1-47 William L. Dawson addressed a class of 500 at the baccalaureate service of the Howard University, in Wash., D.C. Dawson stated in part: "These are times which challenge the courage, industry, and resourcefulness of the Negro people in America in their battle to win for themselves a place in the vanguard of progress; and in the third rate citizenship, and to attain the goal of full freedom and equal recognition in all their relationships with their fellow Americans."
("Pittsburgh Courier" 6-21-[illegible])

WFO Rpt. 6-30-47
Re: Foreign Inspired Agitation Among American Negroes In The Washington Field Division
[illegible]
[illegible]. PP. [illegible]
([illegible])

The "Worker" for 7-18-48 contained an article entitled "Demo Suicide Seen As Dixie Dictates On Labor, Negroes," by Joseph North. Article concerned the 1948 Democratic convention in Philadelphia, Pa., and stated in part, "you could almost see the wire jerk as the delegates staged an 'ovation' for Congressman William Dawson, Negro representative from Illinois."

100-372-A
(16)

An article entitled "Negro People Won't Fall For Dem., GOP Bait" appeared on P. 9 of the "DW for 8-25-48. Article, under the by-line of Benjamin J. Davis, named Rep. Wm. L. Dawson of Chicago as Chairman of the "National Citizens Committee for the Reelection of President Harry S. Truman." Davis criticized Dawson for a do-nothing attitude.

100-375-A
(29)

Approx. 1-12-49 [redacted] advised that Neil Scott, of the NY Office of the "Chicago Defender," Negro Newspaper, and Ted Poston, Negro reporter of the NY "Post-Home News," had attempted to negotiate with him for an affidavit attesting the Communist background of John P. Davis, Negro. [redacted] said the newspapermen believed that Davis was being considered as a possible "Communist plant" in the Government [redacted] advised that during the last presidential campaign Rep. William L. Dawson was in charge of the Negro Division of the Democratic Party and was assisted by Davis, who was in charge of Dawson's NY hdqrs. [redacted] reported that Davis stated that on 1-20-49 Dawson would appoint him, Davis, as his Executive Secretary. It was believed by the newspapermen that Communist would obtain positions in the Government through Davis. b7D

NY teletype 1-12-49
Re: John P. Davis
SM-C
100-39058-23
(34)
SI 100-39058-25 (This reference contained the following notation in ink, "Let me know of any developments" H.)
(34)

On 1-21-49 the ASAC of the Philadelphia Field Office called to report that John P. Davis, formerly Executive Secretary with the NNC, would present to Cong.* William L. Dawson a scroll and a gift at a dinner honoring Dawson that evening. (Place not given).

ASAC noted the above information in an advanced issue of the Philadelphia Edition of the "Pittsburgh Courier" for 1-22-49.

Bureau memo. 1-21-49
Re: John P. Davis
100-39058-22
(33)

On 3-21-49 Inspector Edward Daly of the Chicago P.D. advised that his son-in-law, John Cogan, was an Assistant States Attorney assigned to the Municipal Racket Court. Daly said Cogan was very honest and aggressive and had handled over 3,400 cases in a period of several months. Daly said U.S. Cong. William Dawson had sent word the week before that he would like to see Cogan, and Daly believed that Dawson wanted Cogan to be more lenient in prosecuting the policy cases on the South Side of Chicago.

Chicago memo 4-14-49
Re: Crime Survey, Chicago Division.
April 15, 1949
62-75147-9-79, encl. P. 80
(9)

On January 15, 16 and 17, 1950 a National Emergency Civil Rights Mobilization (NECRM) was held in Washington,D.C. The NECRM was initiated by the NAACP, and was sponsored by 53 other organizations (not named), including Negro organizations, Jewish groups, and many CIO and AFL union.

* William L. was written in reference with a blue pencil

Scheduled speakers included Rep. William L. Dawson of Illinois.

The activities of the Mobilization were limited strictly to civil liberties, and pressuring members of Congress to pass a permanent FEPC bill. (Inft. Not clearly stated)

WFO Memo 2-10-50
Re: National Emergency Civil Rights Mobilization
IS-C
61-3176-538
(25)

This reference is a copy of a letter, dated 5-24-50, to Honorable William L. Dawson, House of Representatives, Wash., D.C. Letter was addressed, "My Dear Congressman", and forwarded a copy of "Our World Magazine" for July, 1950. Letter reported that a prerelease issue of this magazine was received from John P. Davis, its publisher, and that it contained a seven page picture story entitled "Fighting Crime With The FBI" Letter was signed "Sincerely yours, J. Edgar Hoover"

100-352331-20
(36)

Correlators Note: It was noted that a copy of above mentioned magazine was carried as an enclosure to serial 9 of 100-352331.

The monthly clerk hire payroll sheets for members of Congress were reviewed at the House Disbursing Office, U.S. House of Representatives, US Capitol, Wash., D.C., for the period 7-1-42 through 7-31-50. These records revealed that Frederick P. Wall was first placed on the payroll as a clerk for Cong. William Dawson of Illinois on 1-3-43. He was on the payroll continuously during the above mentioned period, being paid monthly from US Government funds.

WFO Rpt. 9-8-50
Re: Mary Alice Allen
Dorothy Griffen
Mary Campbell
Bribery
58-2291-4
(6)

On 3-24-52 the WFO furnished 297 pages of identifying data prepared from the alphabetical folders D through Z of the Senate Special Committee To Investigate Organized Crime in Interstate Commerce.

Page 7 contained the following information:

"William Dawson
No Address

Only notation in file: see Collier's file memo of 10-13-50 from H.G.R. Photostats of Velie's article (documentation)."

Above mentioned material enclosed with
WFO Memo, 3-24-52
Re: Files and Records of Senate Special
Committee To Investigate Organized Crime
In Interstate Commerce
62-91939-789, encl. P. 7
(10)

Correlator's Note: Information is insufficient to determine is William Dawson is identical with subject of this summary.

Approximately Feb. 1951, Rep. William L. Dawson, House Office Bldg., Wash., D.C. advised that he had been acquainted with Ernest Johnson since 1941. Johnson had contacted Dawson in the capacity of a Newspaperman, representing the United Negro College Fund and as a Public Relations Counselor. Dawson said he had many occasions to contact Johnson with confidential information and Johnson had never breached a trust or confidence. Dawson considered Johnson to be of good moral character and reputation. He believed Johnson was a loyal

American citizen. Dawson was not acquainted with any of Johnson's associates, and did not know of any membership or affiliation in organizations.

It was noted that Johnson had listed Dawson as a reference on his application for employment with the Voice of America.

WFO Rpt. 2-27-51
Re: Ernest Edward Johnson
Re: Special Inquiry, State Dept.
Public
Law 402, 80th Congress (Voice of America)
123-8482-4
(36)

On 2-1-51 Rob Hall, Washington editor of the "DW", Wash., D.C., contacted Thomas Richardson, "UPWA" ([redacted]) Representative, regarding the case of the "Martinsville Seven." Hall advised that lawyers for the NAACP failed to get Judge Parker to intervene in the executions of the four scheduled to die on "Friday". Hall stated that confidentially he understood Representative William L.* Dawson was working on this case. Hall also stated he had been told to cover the executions and was taking the seven twenty PM Atlantic Coast Line train to Richmond (evidently Richmond, Va.) (Above mentioned case not further identified.)

[redacted] b7D

WFO teletype 2-1-51
Re: Civil Rights Congress,
IS-C
61-10149-1620
(35)

*William L. was written on reference with blue pencil.

Aproximately Oct., 1951. William L. Dawson of the U.S. House of Representatives, Wash., D.C. advised that he had known Lucius Henegan for a number of years and had a high regard for him. He stated that in his opinion Henegan was able, loyal, and the type of person who would represent the country and its government with honor and distinction. He added that he knew Henegan to be a hard worker, and in general regarded him as a man of good character and reputation.

It was noted that Henegan had listed Dawson as a reference on his application for employment with the Voice of America.

WFO Rpt. 11-2-51
Re: Lucius Herbert Henegan
Special Inquiry-State Dept.,
Public Law 402,
80th Congress (Voice of America)
123-12037-15
(36)

This reference dated 3-21-52, is a book review of the book entitled "U.S.A. Confidential", by Jack Lait, editor of the "New York Mirror", and Lee Mortimer, a columnist. According to this review, the authors attempted to dig into crime in the U.S., especially as it related to the Syndicate.

The review reported that the Director and the Bureau were treated in a most favorable fashion.

Page 322 of this book reported that nothing had changed in Chicago, Ill., and stated in par as follows: "....lottery and policy have not been bothered, because they keep thousands of Negroes. The center for this billion-dollar racket is in the 2nd Ward, where all the policy wheels have their headquarters. The Democratic committeeman there is Representative William L. Dawson, colored, a former Republican but a howling New Dealer, chairman of the mighty Committee on Appropriations. Nothing runs in his ward without Dawson's knowledge..."

Copy of above mentioned book enclosed with
Bureau Memo, 3-21-52
Re: Book Review
"U.S.A. Confidential" by Jack Lait and Lee Mortimer
94-42546-28, encl. P. 322
(28)

In the latter part of 1952, L. H. Horn, of the Horn Petroleum Co., 180 West Washington St., Chicago, Ill., advised that he had known Sylvanus Ballard since 1946 when he first came to this address as the law partner of Cong. William L. Dawson.

According to Mrs. Hanson Bracey, of 3537 South Park Way, Chicago, Ill., Ballard went into partnership with Cong. William L. Dawson in 1946.

It was noted that the Sullivan Law Directory for the State of Illinois for years 1952-53 reflected that William L. Dawson was a member of the National Lawyers Guild.

The synopsis of this report noted that the employment of Ballard was verified as a law partner of Cong. Dawson from 1946 to "date" (Oct. 1952).

Chicago Rpt. 10-6-52
Re: Sylvanus A. Ballard, aka.
Sylvanus Alexander Ballard
Special Inquiry, Coast Guard
Screening Appeal Board
77-54092-7, P. 1,4,6,10
(27)

On 4-28-55 the Memphis Field Office telephonically advised the Bureau that the Mississippi Regional Council of Negro Leadership was organized in 1950 and had for its purpose the teaching and encouraging of Negroes to become better citizens and to do everything possible to better the position of the Negro. The Memphis Office also advised that Cong. William L. Dawson of Chicago spoke before their annual meeting in 1953. (Probably in Mound Bayou, Miss.)

Bureau Memo, 4-28-55
Re: Mississippi Regional Council of
Negro Leadership
IS-X
100-394596-1X
(36)

The records of the Personnel Office, Commission on Organization of the Executive Branch of the Government, which included the personnel files of Herbert Roback from various government agencies, disclosed the following information.

On an Application For Federal Employment, dated 10-1-53, Roback listed Rep. William L. Dawson, House Office Building, Wash., D.C. as a reference.

WFO Rpt. 1-4-54
Re: Herbert Roback Assistant to Commissioner-
Applicant, Commission on Organization of the Executive Branch of the Government. Wash., D.C.
Security of Government Employees
140-1446-57, P. 6
(36)

On 1-10-55 the Chicago Field Office furnished a copy of a report entitled "The Juke Box Racket" written by Virgil W. Peterson, Operating Director, Chicago Crime Commission.

According to this report, Fred M. Morelli became the Democratic Committeeman of the First Ward early in 1944. Cong. William L. Dawson spoke at the dedication ceremonies for Morelli, which were held in the new First Ward hdqrs., Chicago.

The report advised that on 1-5-53, 1-9-53; and 1-14-53 calls were made from the telephone (number not given) used by top ranking capone gangsters in Chicago to Wash., D. C. telephone number Executive 3-0706, which was determined to be issued to Cong. William L. Dawson from Illinois. This Washington number did not go through the Capitol switchboard and was unlisted in the directory.

Above mentioned report enclosed with Chicago memo 1-10-55
Re: Criminal Rackets Survey
Chicago Division
62-99197-9-26, encl. pp. 73, 181
(37)

Rep. William L. Dawson, of 3520 South State Street, Chicago, Ill., advised (about Nov. 1953) that his first association with Herbert Roback occurred during the 81st Congress at which time they were both members of the Executive Expenditures Committee, later known as the House Committee on Government Operations. He recalled that this association occurred about July 1949 and continued until about January 1953. Dawson considered Roback a very able individual, possessing excellent character and associates, and loyal to the United States.

A review of the files of the Chicago Field Division concerning Dawson failed to disclose any pertinent information subsequent to the year 1944. It was noted, however, that prior to 1944, which was also prior to Dawson's association with Roback, Dawson had been in questionable circumstances in that he was either a sponsor or a speaker before various groups in line with his political career. (No details were given)

Chicago Rpt. 11-30-53
Re: Herbert Roback, Assistant to Commissioner-
Applicant, Commission on Organization of the
Executive Branch of the Government,
Wash., D. C.
Security of Government Employees
140-1446-34
(36)

About March or April 1954 Gertrude Baxter, of 6048 South Prairie Ave., Chicago, Ill., was questioned in regard to her participation in a delegation who contemplated presenting labor views to Chicago Congressmen, among whom was William Dawson. Gertrude said she was unable to recall this particular instance. She stated she had much animosity toward Dawson and would tell him so to his face but that she could not recall having been a member of such a delegation nor of any other persons who would have accompanied her.

On 4-29-53 T-12, of known reliability, furnished a copy of "UE News," dated 4-13-53, which contained an article entitled "Members Tell Labor views to Five Congressman". The article carried a statement which read in part, "A delegation to Congressman William Dawson consisted of Gertrude Baxter, Local 108,....." (T-12: [redacted] Confidential Source) b7D

Chicago Rpt. 4-23-54
Re: Gertrude Bray Baxter, wa
Miss L. Flood
SM-C
100-409325-4, P. 9
(Not indexed)
SI as Par. 1 above
100-409325-2, P. 4
(21)

This reference is a press release from Post Hall Syndicate, Inc., 342 Madison Ave., NY 17, dated 11-13-54, of Victor Riesel's column entitled "Inside Labor."

This release contained the following statement,

"Now a question for Chicago's Congressman William L. Dawson, who will head the House Committee on Government Operations: your committee has scores of leads on tough labor rackets reaching into Chicago and nearby cities. You represent part of Chicago. Are you going to push your committee's probe of labor rackets? If you want a long list of clean labor leaders who want you to, I'll be glad to send them along."

62-82195-302
(27)

On 3-3-55 U.S. Attorney Robert Tieken, of Chicago, Ill. advised he had received information that a Reverend Clarence H. Cobb, who presumably preached at the First Church of the Deliverance at 43nd and Wabash and resided at 4801 S. Woodlawn Ave., Chicago, allegedly carried large sums of money (evidently in 1955) to the Jones Brothers (fnu), outside of Mexico City. (It was noted that the Jones' were former operators of policy in Chicago.) Tieken also advised that it was rumored that narcotics in the amount of a kilo at a time were brought back. According to Tieken, the money Cobb carried allegedly came from Cong. William Dawson and Police Captain Kinzie Bluitt, Commander of the 48th Police District. Cobb allegedly traveled with a small group which he called a choral group.

Crime Survey Report for the
period 12-15-54
to 6-15-55 enclosed with
Chicago Memo, 6-15-55
Re: General Investigative Intelligence
File, Chicago Division
62-75175-9-144, encl. PP. 72, 103
(9, 26)

The "Chicago Tribune" of 1-13-55 reported that William Levi Dawson was the Negro political boss in Chicago, Ill.

On 6-8-54 information was received that the confidential phone directory of Eugene Bernstein, a prominent Chicago criminal attorney, contained the Chicago phone number and address of Cong. Dawson.

The 2nd Ward (Chicago) which was controlled by William Harvey, the Democratic Alderman, and William L. Dawson, the Democratic Committeeman, was included on a list of the Wards in which gambling was most prevalent.

(Inft. for Par. 2 and 3: Confidential Source who has furnished reliable information in the past.)

Blind memo enclosed with
Chicago Memo 4-19-55
Re: Policy and Number Rackets
Northern District of Illinois, Criminal Section, Investigative Division
62-75147-9-139, encl. PP. 1, 2
(37)

The "Chicago Tribune" for 2-4-55 contained an article entitled "Fee Splitters in City Council Attacked by Backer of Kennelly", by George Tagge. Article reported that on 2-3-55 Major Kennelly's spokesmen carried the primary election fight against city council "fee splitters" and Cong. William L. Dawson who they said was supporting Richard J. Daley for Mayor.

Knox (fnu), one of five Negro Aldermanic candidates with Kennelly support, said the five were opposed to Dawson's attempt to dump Majory Kennelly. He said every one in the 2nd Ward knew what Dawson's interests were, and that Dawson was against Kennelly only because the laws were being enforced by Kennelly's police department.

62-75147-9-A
(26)

On 2-21-55, in response to a request by G-2 on 2-15-55 for the result of security-type investigation on various U. S. Congressmen, the Bureau furnished G-2 with a list of Congressmen on which no investigation pertinent to their inquiry had been conducted by the Bureau. This list included William L. Dawson, who was born 4-26-96 at Albany, Ga.

Reference noted that the name check request forms on the individuals listed were returned to G-2.

Copy of Memo to G-2, Dated 2-21-55
Entitled, G-2, Department of the Army
Name Check requests
62-60527-41860, P. 2
(36)

This reference reported that the Criminal Division of the Dept. of Justice had requested inquiry to identify the Assistant U.S. Attorney, of Chicago, Ill., who allegedly inquired at the Cook County Building concerning the location of the desk of Cook County Assistant District Attorney Dawson. (Evidently about March, 1955). It was noted that this Dawson was the nephew of Cong. William L. Dawson who was allegedly connected with a syndicate policy racket in Chicago.

Bureau Memo 4-22-55
Re: Assistant U.S. Attorney, Chicago, Ill
Adaministrative Inquiry
62-65519-11
(36)

The "Chicago Tribune" of 3-10-55, page 1, col. 8, contained an article entitled "Mob Calls To Dawson's Phones in Capital Told", written by Sandy Smith. Article reported that the files of the city council crime investigating committee (evidently Chicago, Ill.) contained evidence that calls were made to Rep. William Dawson, south side Democratic boss, at his Washington (D.C) home and office from telephones of the crime syndicate in Chicago. Calls made during 1953 and 1954. Several calls to Dawson were made from a known hangout for top mobsters in the same general period.

When asked about the calls, Dawson said: "I don't know. Those calls may have been placed. I wouldn't know anything about them."

62-48319-A
(8)

This reference sets forth information regarding articles appearing in the "Chicago Sun-Times" of 3-11-55, and the "Chicago Daily Tribune" of 3-10-55. Articles concerned telephone calls made from the crime syndicate in Chicago to Cong. William Levi Dawson's home and office phones in Washington, D. C.

Reference also sets out, in detail, the information furnished by Sandy Smith, "Chicago Daily Tribune" reporter, Chicago, who requested that his name be kept confidential. Smith furnished specific data concerning the information appearing in the "Tribune" article and the source thereof.

The above mentioned article of 3-11-55 may be found in the Sub A section of the main file, 58-3267 on Dawson. Article of 3-10-55 summarized in reference above.

Chicago Memo 4-11-55
Re: Congressman William Levi Dawson, Chicago, Ill., Jacob M. Guzik, wa. Jake Guzik; Harry Hochstein; Phil Katz
Criminal Racket Survey, Chicago Division.
62-99197-9-29
(38)

On 3-10-55 Warren Olney III, Assistant Attorney General (AAG) of the Criminal Division, Dept. of Justice, advised that the US Attorney, Robert Tieken, Northern District of Ill., was conducting an intensive investigation of the policy and numbers racket in his district. Olney reported that the Dept. was cooperating to the fullest extent possible with Tieken. He requested a summary of the information in the Bureau files regarding the policy and numbers rackets in Chicago. Olney furnished a list of individuals involved in the investigation which included the following: "*Wm. Levi Dawson, 3520 S. State St., 180 W. Randolph St. James Casey (Deceased) former Secretary to W. L. Dawson."

The list contained the following statement on the bottom of page 3 "* Probably Representative William L. Dawson of Chicago, Illinois."

Above mentioned list enclosed with
Dept. of Justice memo, 3-10-55
62-75147-9-120, encl. P. 3
(26/ 37)

On 5-18-55 a Bureau memo advised that the Department of Justice had requested information concerning lists of persons allegedly involved in gambling rackets and political corruption.

The Bureau files as well as those of the Chicago Office were reviewed and blank memoranda, one which included information on William Levi Dawson, were prepared concerning persons who might be identical with those listed by the Department.

On 5-18-55 the Department was furnished a copy of the above mentioned memoranda.

Serial described above
62-75147-9-143, encl. P. 3
(Summary 5-18-55)
(37)

The "Chicago Tribune" for 3-16-55 contained an article entitled "Harvey Linked to Gambler In Secret Files." This article reported that the files of the city (evidently Chicago, Ill.) council emergency crime investigating committee contained information linking Alderman William H. Harvey (2nd Ward) to a policy operator in his Ward. The files are reported to show that a Committee investigator observed a meeting between Harvey, a protege of Rep. William Dawson, south side Democratic boss and Mrs. Florine Stevens, operator of three south side policy wheels, the boulevard, Avenue, and Blue Eagle. The lengthy article reported on further activities of Harvey.

62-48018-A
(8)

On 7-8-55 Wallace Parks, of the Committee on Government Operations of the House of which William L. Dawson was Chairman, advised the Bureau that Dawson was interested in having a full background investigation conducted on each staff member of the new subcommittee formed to look into the withholding of public information by Government agencies.

This reference enclosed a letter from Parks dated 7-8-55 which forwarded a copy of the letter Dawson was sending the Director. Dawson's letter requested the Bureau to conduct background investigations on the staff members (3) of the Government Information Subcommittee, which included Wallace Judson Parks.

It was noted from a pencil notation in the mail that Dawson had been informed by letter, dated 7-14-55, that the matter had been referred to the Department of Justice.

Above Mentioned letters enclosed with
Bureau Memo 7-12-55
Re: Wallace Parks, Chief Counsel,
Government Information Subcommittee
62-99229-78
(27)

This reference reported that by memo dated 12-2-55 the Department of Justice forwarded a copy of a letter from Cong. William L. Dawson, Chairman of the House Committee on Operations, requesting information on certain Committees. Dawson wanted to know about all Committees created by and / or advising the Department since January 1, 1953, if there was serving on such Committee any person other than a regular, full-time Federal employee compensated on an annual basis.

Dawson desired such information as "name of the Committee, date created, statutory authority, membership, with whom does the committee advise, amounts paid members, details relating to minutes and records maintained, background and business qualifications of the members of the committee, etc."

Reference also reported there were no Committees in the Bureau of such nature that had other than full-time Federal employees, and recommended that the Department be so advised.

Bureau Memo 12-6-55
Re: Committees created To Advise The Department Consisting of Non-Federal Employees
62-55047-809
(26)

Correlators Note: It was noted that 62-55047-810 consisted of the above mentioned Dept. Memo; copy of letter from Dawson; and memo to the Dept.

The March, 1956 issue of " Champion", publication of UPWA (United Packinghouse Workers of America) District 1, contained an article by Charles Hayes, Director Dist. 1 UPWA, AFL-CIO. In the Article Hayes criticized Congressman William L. Dawson for his failure to help in the fight for Negro rights.

Above mentioned publication enclosed with
Chicago Memo 4-17-56
Re: Cominfil UPWA - CIO
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The following references relate to Rep. William L. Dawson being the pay-off man in regard to the policy racket operating in Chicago. This racket is estimated to take $10,000,000 a year principally from the colored population. Dawson is reported to keep the "heat" off the Policy Syndicate.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: December 31

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (80-New)

SUBJECT: WILLIAM L. DAWSON
Congressman
2nd District, Illinois

PROPOSED CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY REGARDING DEGREE OF COOPERATION BETWEEN FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES AND CITY POLICE DEPTS.

AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION SURVEY OF ADMINISTRATION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE IN UNITED STATES

On December 27, 1957, Supervising Captain JEROME McCARTHY, Chicago Police Department, Chicago, Illinois, confidentially advised this office that he had been told by Congressman WILLIAM L. DAWSON, 2nd District, Illinois, that a Congressional Committee was requesting an appropriation to investigate cooperation between Federal law enforcement agencies and city police departments. According to DAWSON, particular emphasis is to be placed on finding out how many local arrests were made at the request of Federal agencies and how many Federal cases were originated by local police departments and furnished to Federal agencies.

Captain McCARTHY had no other information and there is no indication from his information that the Bureau would be singled out in connection with this inquiry. There is also nothing to indicate the overall purpose of this Congressional inquiry.

In my opinion, this inquiry may be related to the Indianapolis news' criticisms of the Bureau made several months ago. A 2nd possibility is that if Congressman DAWSON is personally behind this inquiry, it may relate and cover the subject of the extent of cooperation between state and Federal agencies in civil rights matters.

Congressman DAWSON, a Negro, it will be recalled is one of the most influential South Side politicians in Illinois and is reliably reported to have in December, 1957, gathered his political forces and to have taken over the leadership of the Chicago Branch, NAACP.

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The former leadership of the Chicago NAACP has been strongly critical of DAWSON's position on civil rights legislation and of his position at the last Democratic national convention and indicated of recent date that it intended to support a strong civil rights opposition candidate against DAWSON in the 1958 Congressional elections. It is entirely possible, in my opinion, that DAWSON may utilize this inquiry to explore Bureau and local police liaison in civil rights cases as a means to insure his continued power in the Negro community in the coming 1958 election campaign. See attached article appearing in December 30, 1957, issue of "Time" magazine, page 16, columns 2 and 3. Chicago files contain numerous references, both of criminal and security nature, to Congressman DAWSON summarized as follows; none of which criminal information has been verified by the Chicago Division:

In 1946 Congressman DAWSON, according to information furnished by JAMES RAGEN, SR., formerly closely associated with the Crime Syndicate in Chicago, stated that in connection with payoffs on the numbers or policy racket in Chicago, a payoff is made to Congressman DAWSON and one other person.

Two Chicago Police Department sources advised in June, 1947, that in connection with protection afforded policy operators it was believed that the top "policy fixer" was Congressman DAWSON.

The "Chicago Daily News", September 28, 1950, on page 36, contains an article entitled "Colliers' Story of the Capone Mob and Politics", which according to the article is a reprint of a story in "Colliers" magazine entitled "The Capone Gang Muscles Into Big Time Politics" written by LESTER VELIE. This article contains considerable information concerning Congressman DAWSON particularly in reference to the ten million dollar profit in the numbers racket on Chicago's South Side. The allegation is made that the numbers racket, "as any precinct captain in DAWSON's ward can tell you," is interwoven with local political activities. It reports that DAWSON says he does not take money from numbers racketeers for personal gain and adds, "But he says he will accept political contributions from them." It then quotes a statement reportedly made to the writer of the "Colliers" article by DAWSON to the effect that he, DAWSON, revealed he had fought to protect Negro numbers racketeers against invasion by outsiders.

Chicago files reflect that in 1940 DAWSON was a member of the board of the National Lawyers Guild which, according to the HCUA, is the legal arm of the Communist Party.

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DAWSON is also reliably reported as acquainted with a large number of Negro Communist functionaries in Chicago. Recently, however, the CP has not been friendly to DAWSON and in fact is attempting at the present time to organize political opposition to DAWSON's re-election in 1958. Many of the officers of the Illinois Branch, NAACP, who were defeated by the DAWSON machine in December, 1957, were members of the CP or supported by the CP. At the present time only one officer of the Chicago Branch, NAACP, has CP affiliation.

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Dear Sir,

There are too many rumors going around in regard to Rep. Dawson of Chicago exploiting the Negroes imported in from the South by charging them for finding a place for them to live and getting jobs for them & getting 10% of their salaries.

There are too many rumors for there not to be an element of fact in it & I think the situation should be reported to proper authorities & investigated.

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Dear Sir,

There are too many rumors going around in regard to Rep Dawson of Chicago exploiting the negroes imported from the South by charging them for finding a place for them to live and getting jobs for them & getting 16% of their salaries.

There are too many rumors for there not to be an element of fact in it & I think the situation should be reported to proper authorities & investigated.

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The Washington Merry-Go-Round

Dawson Halted Drug Price Probe

By Drew Pearson

The sensational disclosures Senator Estes Kefauver has been making regarding the high cost of medicine would have been given to the American people two years ago if it hadn't been for a mysterious move by Rep. William Dawson of Chicago, senior Negro Congressman.

Pearson

Dawson suddenly and mysteriously "reorganized" the probe by Congressman John Blatnik of Minnesota who had been investigating cigarettes, lung cancer, and slenderizing pills and was about to probe other drugs. The "reorganization" ended the investigation.

The incident shows how one man can deny the American public information which would have reduced the price of medicine for over a two-year period.

It also has another crackdown where the same Congressman Dawson abruptly stopped a probe of a highway scandal in Mobile, Ala.

Blatnik of Minnesota had sent an investigator to Mobile to probe a very sensitive situation which might have cost the taxpayers $180,000. Suddenly, Congressman Frank Boykin of Mobile, who helped found the White Citizens Councils and boasts of his close connection with the Ku Klux Klan, approached the senior Negro Congressman. The latter once again pulled the investigatorial rug out from under Blatnik of Minnesota and ended the highway probe.

Note—Today Blatnik will testify before the Kefauver Committee regarding the high price of drugs, which he wanted to probe two years ago.

Lipstick Smeared

It hasn't made the headlines of the battle over cranberries, but the battle of the lipsticks has continued unabated behind the scenes in the Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

It involves 17 colors of lipstick which the Food and Drug Administration has found to contain coal tars which cause anemia, heart trouble, and enlarged spleens when fed to laboratory animals, and which FDA will therefore ban from use by the women of America. However, the date when that ban will become effective has been periodically postponed at the request of the big lipstick companies.

Chief wire-pullers behind the scenes are Helena Rubinstein and Elizabeth Arden, operating through the Toilet Goods Association of which they are members.

Officials of the department of HEW, the over-all agency of Food and Drug, are embarrassed by the whole business for two reasons.

Embarrassment No. 1—The first lady of the land, Mrs. Eisenhower, has been the recipient of considerable hospitality from Elizabeth Arden at the famous "Maine Chance" reducing ranch near Phoenix, Ariz. In the winter of 1958, the President's plane carried Mrs. Eisenhower, her sister, Mrs. George Gordon Moore, and Mrs. Ellis Slater, wife of the Seagrams whisky executive, on a special trip to Phoenix for the Elizabeth Arden beauty-reducing treatments.

Again last winter the first lady went to the Elizabeth Arden ranch, this time in a special car by courtesy of the Southern Railroad and the Southern Pacific. Most patrons of Elizabeth Arden pay around $100 a day at her Maine Chance ranch, but Mrs. Eisenhower was a nonpaying guest of Mrs. (Elizabeth Arden) Graham, who incidentally contributed $2500 to Ike's reelection in 1956.

All this makes it embarrassing for Secretary Arthur Flemming, who so abruptly banned cranberries, to delay the ban against the 17 lipstick colors.

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fact that the 17 lipstick colors are not considered really harmful to women unless swallowed in very large amounts. This puts a certain amount of justice on the side of Elizabeth Arden, Revlon, Helena Rubinstein, and the others. However, the law is quite clear. And it specifies that if any food, drug, cosmetic, or anything else is harmful to laboratory animals, it shall be banned for use by human beings.

Since the 17 lipstick colors have definitely been found harmful when fed to laboratory animals, Food and Rrug issued an order, effective Jan. 1, that it would no longer certify these 17 colors as harmless, though actual sale through drugstores and beauty parlors would not be banned.

Shortly before Jan. 1, however, the effective date was postponed to Jan. 25. Meanwhile, the big cosmetic companies, especially Elizabeth Arden and Helena Rubinstein, demanded public hearings. Public hearings are not required under the law. The law gives medical experts the flat decision.

However, Food and Drug has now delayed until Feb. 1 the question of further postponement of the date of decision. Several million women who use lipstick will be watching for the outcome.

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Phone Call Data Traced in Probe

By Drew Pearson

Congressman Frank Boykin of Alabama is considered friendly to the White Citizens Councils in southern Alabama. Gov. John Patterson is considered by many the No. 1 Negro hater in Alabama. But last week the No. 1 Negro Congressman in Washington, William Dawson, climbed into bed with them to sidetrack a grand jury which was working for clean government in Alabama.

Pearson

The details of what happened would flabbergast the uninitiated. Here are some of them.

Arthur Perlman, investigator of the Government Operations Committee which Congressman Dawson, Chicago Democrat, heads, had gone to Alabama to investigate a smelly highway situation. Governor Patterson's campaign manager, now finance director, Charles Meriwether, had been charged with trying to increase the appraisal of a piece of Federal highway land from $1 to $180,000 in order to pay a political debt to another of the Governor's henchmen, Bill Delaney of Mobile. The Federal Government would pay 90 per cent of the $180,000; so Uncle Sam, in effect, would be paying off Patterson's friends.

The charge was made officially in the Alabama State Legislature by a preacher turned legislator, Charles Trimmier of Mobile.

When investigator Perlman arrived in Alabama he was received on Sunday, April 5, at the Governor's mansion in Montgomery and there questioned Charles Meriwether in the Governor's presence. The cross-examination continued from 4 p. m. to 6 p. m.

Mystery Phone Call

The key question was whether Meriwether had telephoned Tom Cochran, one of the land appraisers, on February 8 to say that the state would not appeal if Delaney was awarded $180,000 for the dumping of highway muck on his land.

Meriwether flatly denied making the phone call.

Two days later Perlman was in Mobile and asked Frank Drane, manager of the Admiral Semmes Hotel, for the record of Meriwether's phone

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calls on Feb. 7 and 8. Drane hesitated, consulted his lawyer, finally produced them. The phone-call records had been tampered with.

"Has anyone asked to see this record?" the investigator asked.

Drane huddled with his attorney.

"Yes," he finally answered.

"Who?"

"Meriwether."

"When?"

"Sunday night at 8 p. m."

In other words, Meriwether had left the cross-examining session at the Governor's mansion at 6 p. m. Sunday in Montgomery and flown immediately to Mobile, 180 miles.

Yet despite this record brought back to Washington by Chairman Dawson's own investigator, Dawson teamed up with Governor Patterson and Congressman Boykin to sidetrack a Mobile grand jury seeking to ascertain the guilty parties.

After huddling with racebaiter Boykin, the Negro Congressman either sent, or authorized to be sent, a telegram direct to the grand jury stating: "There is not a scintilla of evidence in the land case. We washed our hands of this case on the floor of the House yesterday."

Defending a Lady

Sen. Mike Mansfield, the gallant Gael from Montana, has gone to bat for glamor ambassadress Clare Boothe Luce, with the statement that she was a great success as envoy to Italy.

Mike is only 50 per cent right. Mrs. Luce was a success during the last two years of her term. She committed errors during the first two years. Here are Clare's two most grievous ones:

1. On May 28, 1953, during the Italian elections, she made a speech in Milan hinting that if Italy did not line up with middle-of-the-road parties "grave consequences" might follow.

Ten days later Premier de Gasperi lost his margin in the Italian Parliament. Many observers felt Mrs. Luce's speech had tipped the scale against him.

2. Mrs. Luce was so much opposed to the election of President Gronchi that he almost asked for her recall. Had she been a male, he probably would have done so. She was so upset when his election was announced in Parliament that she left the diplomatic gallery in tears.

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DAWSON LAUDED FOR LEADERSHIP

Illinois Representative, 70, Is Esteemed for Role in Helping Race Relations

North American Newspaper Alliance

WASHINGTON, March 1[illegible] Because of the flow of headlines he creates, many people over the country have the idea that Representative Adam Clayton Powell Jr. must be the most important and influential Negro in Congress. The Manhattan Democrat is not. The contest is far from close.

That honor belongs to Representative William L. Dawson, Democrat of Illinois, whose successful career on Capitol Hill seemingly ought to be more of an example nationally than it is in the matter of promoting good race relations.

Representative Dawson [illegible] will be 70 years old Ap[illegible] probably has more po[illegible] power than any other [illegible] of his race in the United S[illegible] He is the first Negro chairman of a major committee of [illegible] Congress since Reconstruction days. He heads the House Committee on Government Operations. He is vice chairman [illegible] the Democratic National Committee. He is undisputed [illegible] cal boss of the five [illegible] South Side wards that [illegible] up his Congressional district [illegible] is a respected and popular member of the House.

The Illinois Representative [illegible] as strong in his support of [illegible] rights bills that come [illegible] the House as nearly all [illegible] ern members of the House [illegible] strong in opposing them. [illegible] more than most Northern [illegible] big city representatives. Mr. [illegible]

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INFLUENTIAL Representative W[illegible] Dawson, Democrat [illegible] Illinois, is leading N[illegible] Congress.

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stones—to build something [illegible] don't talk just to show off."

When Mr. Dawson does sp[illegible] his colleagues listen. More [illegible] any other one man, he was [illegible] sponsible for the defeat in 19[illegible] of a draft law provision th[illegible] would have allowed inductees [illegible] choose whether they would se[illegible] in a segregated unit. Remind[illegible] the House that he had be[illegible] gassed and wounded in W[illegible] War I, Mr. Dawson said, "[illegible] there is one place in Ameri[illegible] where there should not be segregation, that place is in th[illegible] armed services, among th[illegible] who fight for this country."

Sticks to the Merits

Mr. Dawson does not of[illegible] argue or plead his case a[illegible] Negro. He sticks to the mer[illegible] and assumes that his con[illegible] tions will be considered o[illegible] man-to-man or person-to-pe[illegible] basis. He stands up for [illegible] rights, but is not belligere[illegible] about it. He does not ridicule [illegible] abuse those who disagree [illegible] him.

Such respect and regard [illegible] his colleagues, naturally, has [illegible] sulted in widespread respect [illegible] regard for Representative D[illegible] son. Some of his stanch[illegible] friends in the House are fr[illegible] the South. A non-Southern Re[illegible] resentative found this out [illegible] hard way back in 1949.

When the Democrats to[illegible] control of the Eighty-first Co[illegible] gress in 1948, Representati[illegible] Dawson was by seniority in [illegible] to become chairman of the Co[illegible] mittee on Government Ope[illegible] tions. A jealous colleague tr[illegible] to enlist the backing of South[illegible] erners on the committee in [illegible] move to bypass Mr. Dawson. The Southerners to a man [illegible] jected the suggestion. They [illegible] not only that Mr. Dawson was entitled to the chairmanship but that he also was bett[illegible] qualified for leadership than th[illegible] man who had tried to incl[illegible] racial prejudice for self-advan[illegible] tage. Mr. Dawson's record [illegible] chairman has justified this co[illegible] fidence.

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Dawson Is Mum On Mob Chats

Rep. William L. Dawson, South Side Democratic boss, flew in from Washington and replied when asked if he had telephone chats with Capone mobsters:

"I have no comment. Why don't you let it go at that?"

Dawson's reported conversations are expected to throw sparks when the City Council Emergency (Big Nine) Crime Committee meets in unusual session Friday.

Present with a promise to tell all he knows from a strongbox of secrets will be Downey Rice, investigator.

'Tear Curtains Off'

Ald. Robert E. Merriam (5th) and other Republican committee members were reported planning to "tear the curtains off" civic sin at the meeting.

Ald. P. J. Cullerton (38th) cut short a vacation in Palm Springs, Calif., to return for the Big Nine meeting. Democratic organization leaders had been trying to reach him to urge his participation in the session.

Cullerton said he didn't know "what this is all about." He added that he hadn't seen any of the reports of committee investigators.

Cullerton's presence will give the organization power to kill off any public hearings by the Big Nine before the April 5 elections.

In his absence, Merriam and his backers would have had a 4-to-3 majority, with Ald. Benjamin M. Becker (40th), chairman, unable to vote except in case of a tie.

Evidence Of Dawson Calls

In the committee files, it was learned, is documentary evidence of Chicago calls to Rep. Dawson's direct number, EXecutive 3-0706, in Washington.

The calls were made during 1953 from telephones in an office at 140 N. Dearborn, the Big Nine has been informed.

Those same telephones were used by Anthony J. (Tony) Accardo and Jacob M. (Little Jack) Guzik, according to the Chicago Crime Commission files.

The office reportedly was occupied, under fictitious name, by Phil Katz, boss of the bookie wire service, and Harry Hochstein, politician and former aid to Al Capone.

The same Chicago telephones were used by mobsters to telephone Murray H. Olf at NOrth 7-3220, the Woodner Apartments, in Washington, government agents have reported.

Olf has been described by congressional committee wit-

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neles as "mobdom's lobbyist" in Washington, devoting his energies to killing off antigambling bills.

Other Calls

Other calls were made by Accardo and Guzik to Olf from a Loop tailor shop and an athletic club on the West Side, according to subpoenaed telephone company records.

The Olf matter is covered in a 200-page report on efforts by the crime syndicate to take over the juke box industry.

The report states that Fred Morelli, former 1st Ward Democratic committeeman, was linked with Rep. Dawson in juke box activities.

Reports have been circulated freely in Washington that Olf has made heavy campaign contributions to certain congressmen.

Rice said in Washington that he would arrive at 9:30 a.m. Friday in Chicago.

He quit the Big Nine as chief investigator last week "in disgust" after accusing Irwin N. Cohen, chief counsel, of stalling public hearings until after the election.

Cohen denied any rift with Rice and said he would be happy to tell the committee members of the evidence on hand.

Prepares Photographs

He was preparing photographs — reportedly showing policy racketeers paying graft to policemen—for viewing by the committee members.

Cohen said he also would present a voluminous report to the committee on evidence of alleged police-crime-politics corruption.

Telephone company records showed hundreds of long-distance calls from the office at 140 N. Dearborn to hoodlums all over the country, it was learned.

A number of calls were made to a telephone listed in Miami, Fla., to Charles Girard, 7240 Luella.

Girard, now serving 98 years in prison for sex crimes in Arizona, is Guzik's son. Guzik has maintained a home at 7240 Luella for many years, although he lives mostly in downtown and Near North Side hotels.

Another recipient of calls was Anthony Pinelli of Sierra Madre, Calif., a pal of Accardo. The telephones were discontinued in June, 1953, and the office reportedly moved to S. Clark.

Dawson's calls reportedly were traced during a government investigation of the policy racket last year. The information was obtained by the Chicago Crime Commission from government agents and turned over to the Big Nine.

The congressman came to Chicago to help select a successor to Ald. Becker as Democratic nominee for city clerk.

Whether Dawson would remain over through the Big Nine meeting was speculative.

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Rep. Dawson Denies Gamblers Aided Him

Associated Press

Rep. William L. Dawson (D-Ill.) denied yesterday he ever had accepted political contributions from gamblers.

His denial was made after Virgil W. Peterson, operating director of the Chicago Crime Commission, said the congressman had admitted accepting contributions from gamblers in his South Side Chicago district.

Peterson said Dawson made the admission in a 1948 interview with Crime Commission investigators.

"The charge that I took political contributions from gamblers carries the connotation that I was in a position to give them protection," Dawson said.

"I have never been in a position to give gamblers protection. That is in the province of the mayor and the chief of police. If the chief of police doesn't want gambling there can be no gambling."

Dawson said he doesn't remember ever talking to Peterson.

"If I made such a statement in 1948 why didn't they publish it in 1948 or 1951, he said.

"Congressman Dawson stated that there are gambling places in his ward from which he does not hesitate to take money for political purposes, stressing the large amount of money needed to run a political campaign," Peterson said.

Asked if details of the interview had been intentionally suppressed for seven years, Peterson commented:

"We interview a lot of people every day and we don't run right out and make a public statement on every interview. I used the Dawson case . . . to illustrate that there are some politicians who don't want strict enforcement of gambling laws."

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Peterson Hits Again at Dawson

Next move in the war of words between Rep. Dawson and the Crime Commission was up to the Chicago congressman today.

Virgil Peterson, Crime Commission director, reiterating his charge that Dawson admitted he did not hesitate to take money from gamblers for political purposes, said he could produce two investigators who would testify they heard him make the statement.

Dawson, after being informed yesterday of Peterson's original statement made in the Crime Commission's annual report, denied making the admission. But Peterson answered:

"There is no question that these investigators reported the conversation (with Dawson) accurately."

Peterson said the interview took place in Dawson's 2d Ward Democratic headquarters, 3520 S. State st. Peterson was not present.

Dawson, attending current sessions of Congress in Washington, said Peterson's report, was a "political attack," adding:

"I have never taken money from a gambling place in my life, for personal or political purposes. I never made any statement to crime commission investigators that I accepted money from gamblers.

"They're just making me a whipping boy in the mayoral election, where I have no interest except as an elected representative in the councils of the party."

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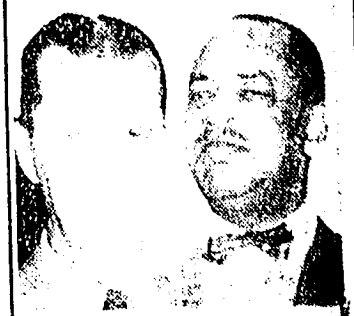
CLAIMS CONGRESSMAN TOOK GAMBLERS' GIFTS

Quotes Admission Made to Prober by Ward Boss

The Chicago Crime commission disclosed yesterday that Rep. William L. Dawson [D., Ill.], 2d ward Democratic committeeman, has openly told commission investigators that



Peterson [left] and Dawson.

he has accepted money from gambling joints in his ward "for political purposes."

Dawson, in telling of his acceptance of such funds, stressed "the large amount of money needed to run a political campaign," the commission stated.

[Rep. Dawson has been accused by Mayor Kennelly of leading the movement in the Democratic state making committee to oust Kennelly and nominate Richard Daley.]

Report by Peterson

The disclosure about Dawson was made in a written report on crime in Chicago during 1954 prepared by Virgil W. Peterson, operating director of the commission, and read by Peterson at a meeting of the commission's directors in the Mid-Day club.

The report, which indirectly praised Mayor Kennelly for freeing Chicago of most of its once flourishing gambling establishments, was approved by directors of the commission. They ordered it made public.

The section concerning Dawson came midway in the 29 page report, after Peterson asserted that crime commission investigators today are able to find only a few "sneak variety" gambling joints in contrast to "wide open gambling joints that flourished by the thousands in Chicago but a decade ago."

Tells of Interview

"Unfortunately, there are political leaders who are opposed to a strict law enforcement administration," Peterson said. "In an interview with Congressman William L. Dawson by Chicago Crime commission investigators on Feb. 20, 1948, in the 2d ward Democratic headquarters at 3520 S. State st., he vigorously attacked the present law enforcement policies."

Peterson said Dawson at the time produced a five inch thick pack of arrest slips on persons seized for gambling, and stated the slips were given to him by an unidentified person in the Racket court. Peterson said Dawson told the investigators that he intended to take them to Mayor Kennelly, but said "he expected no satisfaction."

Accepts Campaign Gifts

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that "perhaps the most important single improvement in the present police administration . . . has been the removal of the once absolute control which the ward committeeman exercised over police captains."

Status Changed

"This intolerable situation no longer prevails," he said. "Every commanding officer is in a position to enforce the law without regard for political considerations."

Peterson asserted that, contrary to the improved conditions in Chicago, gambling was quite prevalent in Cook county outside the city limits during much of 1954. He [illegible] the blame on [illegible] Sher[illegible] Babb.

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Dawson Admitted Getting Funds From Gaming Spots, Crime Unit Report Charges

Virgil W. Peterson, operating director of the Chicago Crime Commission, said in his annual report that Rep. Dawson (D-Ill.) admitted accepting funds

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from gambling places.

Dawson is the South Side political leader whom Mayor Kennelly has charged with dictating Kennelly's rejection as a third-term candidate by the Democratic city organization.

Peterson quoted Wednesday what he said was an interview by Crime Commission investigators with Dawson on Feb. 20, 1948, in the 2d Ward Democratic headquarters at 3520 S. State.

Quotes Dawson

"Congressman Dawson stated," according to Peterson, "that there are gambling places in his ward from which he does not hesitate to take money for political purposes, stressing the large amount of money needed to run a political campaign."

Dawson was unavailable for comment Wednesday night.

In the interview, Peterson said, the congressman produced "a batch of arrest slips relating to persons arrested for gambling. He stated they had been given to him by someone, whom he did not identify, in the Racket Court after the arrest slips were discarded."

'Poor Man's Game'

Dawson described the persons arrested as "laborers and clerks," Peterson continued, "and referred to policy (gambling) as 'a poor man's game.'"

He defended gambling house proprietors, according to Peterson, on the ground that they "try to run decent places and make a point of removing all deadly weapons from the patrons before they are admitted."

Peterson said Dawson told his interviewers that he intended to take the arrest slips in his possession to Mayor Kennelly "but he expected to get no satisfaction."

Expresses Disgust

"While expressing disgust with the present mayor," Peterson continued, Dawson "lauded former Mayor Edward J. Kelly, who he said was always willing and ready to assume responsibilities."

Kennelly, praised in Peterson's report, last Sunday said Dawson controlled the Democratic slatemaking committee which dumped Kennelly as the organization candidate in the Feb. 22 primary.

Peterson credited the Kennelly administration with virtually eliminating wide-open gambling in Chicago.

Later, Peterson said he had not intentionally suppressed details of the Dawson interview for seven years.

"We interview a lot of people every day," he said, "and we don't run right out and make a public statement on every interview. I used the Dawson case Wednesday to illustrate that there are some politicians who don't want strict enforcement of gambling laws."

The report, presented to the Crime Commission's board of directors at the Mid-Day Club, contrasted conditions in Chicago with what it called "quite prevalent" gambling elsewhere in Cook County during much of 1954.

The report said this gambling was evident in unincorporated areas as well as in such towns as Cicero, Melrose Park, Forest Park and others. It specified that these conditions existed under the regime of former Sheriff John E. Babb, whose term expired in December.

Peterson said the commission sent numerous communications to Babb, "who failed to take effective action except on rare occasions." Babb could not be reached Wednesday night for comment.

The report said the commission "has been encouraged by the vigorous action" taken by Sheriff Lohman against gambling since he took over the office from Babb.

If Lohman continues this enforcement, the report added, "Cook County as well as the City of Chicago will cease to be a happy hunting ground for lucrative gambling operations by the Capone syndicate and other hoodlums."

Peterson also said there was notable improvement in the administration of the state's attorney's office under State's Atty. Gutknecht and in the city police administration under Comr. O'Connor. He said perhaps the most important advance in police administration was "the removal of the once absolute control which the ward committeeman exercised over police captains."

The administration of [illegible] Chicago Civil Service Commission under Stephen E. [illegible] was described in the report as "unquestionably the most [illegible] standing for many decades."

The report listed 61,803 [illegible] jor criminal offenses in Chicago during 1954, the lowest [illegible] since 1950. But it described [illegible] "alarming" a 14.4 per cent [illegible] crease in robberies since 1950.

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Illinois Lawmaker Denies Donations From Gamblers

By the Associated Press

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His denial was made to a reporter after Virgil W. Peterson, operating director of the Chicago Crime Commission, said the Congressman had admitted accepting contributions from gamblers in his South Side Chicago district.

Mr. Peterson said Mr. Dawson made the admission in a 1948 interview with Crime Commission investigators.

Mr. Dawson said he doesn't remember ever talking to Mr. Peterson and that "if somebody else told him this it would be hearsay."

"If I made such a statement in 1948 why didn't they publish it in 1948 or 1951," he said. "They had a mayoral election in 1951, too."

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To: SAC, Chicago (58-NEW)

From: Director, FBI (58-NEW)

CONGRESSMAN WILLIAM L. DAWSON

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LAWRENCE WOODS

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Re CG airtel dated 1/13/70.

Caption of this matter has been changed to that reflected above. It is noted that former Senator Daniel B. Brewster has been deleted from the caption since it appears that he is not involved as a subject in the current allegations.

For your information, the request of [redacted] contained in his letter of 1/7/70 has been referred to the Department of Justice for advice as to whether an investigation of this matter should be conducted. You should take no action in this matter pending a reply from the Department and prior Bureau authority.

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CONGRESSMAN WILLIAM L. DAWSON
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SPIEGEL, INCORPORATED
BRIBERY

Enclosed for ready reference is a copy of a letter dated January 7, 1970 directed to the Chicago, Illinois, FBI office by Mr. [redacted] Special Attorney, Criminal Division of the Department, requesting investigation of a reported bribe to Congressman William L. Dawson of Illinois. It is alleged that loans to Congressman Dawson to influence his vote on postal legislation were subsequently paid by the mail order industry.

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The Department's advice is requested as to whether an investigation of this matter should be conducted. In the event such an investigation is desired, we would appreciate being furnished the identity of the Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs informant who is the source of these allegations in order that direct contact can be had with him by Bureau Agents. Pending receipt of your advice, no investigation is being conducted in this matter by the FBI.

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1 - The Deputy Attorney General (Enclosure)

1 - Assistant Attorney General (Enclosure)
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NOTE

This concerns allegations of pay-offs to Congressman Dawson (D-Illinois) of $35,000 to $50,000 in the form of loans to influence his vote on postal legislation. The loans were subsequently paid by the mail order industry. [redacted] Special Attorney, Criminal Division of the Department, by letter of 1/7/70 direct to our Chicago office,

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requested this be investigated. Our Chicago office on 1/15/70 was advised the matter had been referred to the Department for advice and Chicago was instructed to take no action pending receipt of an opinion from the Department.

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GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

Attached is a request for a bribery investigation sent directly to our Chicago office by [redacted] Special Attorney, Organized Crime and Racketeering Section, Department of Justice, involving alleged pay-offs ranging from $35,000 to $50,000 in the form of loans to Congressman William L. Dawson (D-Illinois). Lawrence Woods (former Administrative Aide to Dawson) acted as the intermediary for Dawson in these pay-offs. The loans were reportedly arranged by [redacted] Spiegel, Inc. (a Chicago mail-order house) with [redacted] American National Bank, Chicago, and subsequently paid off by the mail order industry. The pay-offs reportedly made to influence Dawson's vote on postal rate legislation. These allegations were made by Chicago informant of the Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs as a result of a conversation he overheard of [redacted] The informant was prompted to disclose this information following the recent indictment in Washington, D. C., of Spiegel, Inc., [redacted] (a Washington, D. C., lobbyist for Spiegel) and former Senator Daniel B. Brewster (D-Md.) on bribery charges growing out of pay-offs to Brewster by Spiegel and [redacted] in return for Brewster's efforts to defeat an Administration bill to raise third class postal rates.

Letter to AG 1/16/70 WAF:lrk

Letter is being sent to the Attorney General requesting his advice as to whether investigation should be conducted and Chicago is being instructed to take no action pending an opinion from the Department.

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FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (58-NEW)

U.S. REPRESENTATIVE WILLIAM L. DAWSON,
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FORMER SENATOR DANIEL B. BREWSTER;
[redacted] LAWRENCE WOODS;
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BRIBERY
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Enclosed for information of the Bureau is 2 copies of a letter received from [redacted] Chief, Organized Crime and Racketeering Section, U.S. Department of Justice, Chicago, Illinois.

Chicago is aware of no reason why Mr. [redacted] request for investigation should not be honored and recommends that an investigation be instituted.

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January 7, 1970

Mr. Marlin W. Johnson,
Special Agent in Charge
Federal Bureau of Investigation
219 South Dearborn Street
Chicago, Illinois 60604

Dear Mr. Johnson:

On Wednesday, December 3, 1969, in Chicago, I received a telephone call from an informant of [redacted] the Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs Agent formerly assigned to our office. In his absence the call had been referred to me.

The informant advised that he had recently read of the indictment of Senator Brewster for accepting money to influence his vote on postal legislation and wished to advise that other persons were doing the same thing. According to the informant, [redacted] is or was [redacted] public relations for Spiegal, a division of Beneficial Finance. It is [redacted] the informant said, who makes arrangements for payola to Congressmen, including William L. Dawson of Illinois, to influence their votes on postal legislation.

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The informant advised that to effect payoffs, the recipients make loans which are subsequently repaid by the mail order industry. The loans are made through [redacted] an officer of American National Bank in Chicago. In addition, he said the postal sub-stations in Chicago make deposits at the American National Bank. The informant further advised that Lawrence Woods, a former Administrative Assistant to Dawson acted as an intermediary for Dawson and handled the switch of sub-station deposits from another bank to American National.

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The informant stated that he obtained this information from [redacted]

Agent [redacted] has advised that this informant is or was [redacted] and has furnished reliable information in the past.

The informant, at this point, declined to continue the conversation and answer additional questions relating to the matters set forth above. However, through the efforts of Agent [redacted] who is now assigned in Washington, telephone contact was established with this informant on January 6, 1970 by Agent [redacted] of the Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs. The informant reiterated the information he had furnished previously. He also stated that a day or two after the indictment of Senator Brewster, [redacted] of the American National Bank, was relieved that he was not indicted or called before a grand jury in the same case.

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The informant said that [redacted], lobbyist for mail order organizations, was an associate of [redacted] has a very good job with the American National Bank and is associated with [redacted]

The informant stated that the loans were made in various names, including [redacted] and Lawrence Woods. The amounts would vary between $35,000 and $50,000. The informant believes that [redacted] may cooperate with the government if approached in the right way as he is bitter about losing his public relations job with Spiegal, after it was taken over by Beneficial Finance. The informant believes it is also possible that Woods would cooperate. He was the Administrative Assistant to Congressman Dawson until he apparently fell into disfavor after losing his bid in a local election for 2nd Ward Alderman.

In view of the above, it is requested that you undertake an

investigation to determine whether the provisions of 18 USC 201, the statute relating to bribery of public officials, has been violated.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

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Special Attorney,
Department of Justice

February 18, 1970

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1 - Mr. [redacted]

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To: SAC, Chicago

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From: Director, FBI (58-7125)-3

CONGRESSMAN WILLIAM L. DAWSON
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Enclosed herewith are two copies of a self-explanatory Departmental letter dated 2/17/70.

Chicago contact Special Attorney [redacted] secure the identity of the informant in this matter, and thereafter interview him under oath, secure a sworn signed statement, and submit the results of that interview to the Bureau in a form suitable for dissemination.

Conduct no further investigation pending advice from the Bureau.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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Memorandum

TO : Director
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DATE: February 17, 1970

FROM : Will Wilson
Assistant Attorney General
Criminal Division

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SUBJECT: Congressman William L. Dawson
[redacted] Lawrence Woods;
[redacted]
Spiegel, Incorporated
Bribery

This concerns your memorandum dated January 16, 1970 on the above captioned matter. It is requested that [redacted] attorney in charge of the Chicago Field Office of the Organized Crime and Racketeering Section, be contacted concerning the identity of the informant in this matter. Following the Bureau's interview of that informant a decision will be made as to whether further investigation should be conducted.

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1 - Mr. [redacted] b6 b7C

TO: SAC, Chicago

FROM: Director, FBI (58-7125)

CONGRESSMAN WILLIAM L. DAWSON
ET AL.
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OO: CHICAGO

Chicago advise by return airtel whether the informant in this matter has been identified and interviewed and the results thereof submitted to the Bureau in accordance with Bureau instructions set forth in Buairtel dated 2/18/70.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (58-7125)

FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (58-637) (P)

SUBJECT: CONGRESSMAN WILLIAM L. DAWSON
ET AL
BRIBERY
OO: CHICAGO

Reurtel dated 2/18/70.

Enclosed for the information of the Bureau and suitable for dissemination are an original and three copies of a self-explanatory LHM.

For the information of the Bureau [redacted] and [redacted] of the Bureau of Narcotics, would not reveal the identity of the informant in this matter to Buagents or to Special Attorney [redacted] Mr. [redacted] advised that he would attempt to obtain the informant's identity through official channels of the Department of Justice.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Chicago, Illinois
March 12, 1970

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. 58-637

CONGRESSMAN WILLIAM L. DAWSON
ET AL
BRIBERY

On March 11, 1970, [redacted] of the Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs, came to Chicago on this date and interviewed an informant who had provided information to Special Attorney [redacted] on December 3, 1969. This individual is an informant of [redacted] The informant refused to provide any further information to [redacted] and refused to be interviewed by Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

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Mr. [redacted] indicated that he would discuss this matter at the Department of Justice and request further investigation at a later date.

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FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (58-637) (P)

SUBJECT: CONGRESSMAN WILLIAM L. DAWSON
ET AL
BRIBERY
OO:CHICAGO

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For information of Bureau, Agents of Bureau of Narcotics refused to identify informant in captioned matter to either Buagents or AUSA [redacted]. AUSA [redacted] stated he would attempt to establish informant's identity through official channels of Department of Justice.

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April 15, 1970

Airtel

1 - Mr. [redacted]

To: SAC, Chicago (58-637)

From: Director, FBI (58-7125)

CONGRESSMAN WILLIAM L. DAWSON
ET AL
BRIBERY
OO: CHICAGO
BUDED 5/1/70

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Enclosed herewith are two copies of a memorandum from Assistant Attorney General Will Wilson, Criminal Division, dated 4/15/70, requesting a preliminary investigation in this case.

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Chicago is instructed to interview [redacted] former [redacted] public relations for Spiegel, Inc., along the lines indicated in the enclosed memorandum. Also interview Lawrence Woods, former Administrative Assistant to Congressman Dawson, and [redacted] of the American National Bank, in line with the enclosed memorandum. If further logical investigation presents itself to Chicago based upon information gained during the above three interviews, advise the Bureau in full detail of your proposed investigation and proceed with that investigation on a UACB basis. In advising the Bureau of any contemplated investigation, use a communication suited to the exigency of the situation so the Bureau may instruct Chicago not to proceed with that investigative step if deemed appropriate.

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Submit airtel summaries of the results of the above three interviews as they occur. Submit a report concerning the requested investigation by cover airtel to arrive at the Bureau on or before 5/1/70. Include in the synopsis and the first paragraph of the details of the report a statement to the effect that this is a preliminary investigation conducted at the request of the Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, U. S. Department of Justice.

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NOTE

This concerns allegations of payoffs to Congressman Dawson (D-Illinois) of $35,000 to $50,000 in the form of loans to influence his vote on postal legislation. The loans were subsequently paid by the mail order industry. This matter was referred to our Chicago office by [redacted] Special Attorney, Criminal Division of the Department, by letter dated 1/7/70. Our Chicago office referred the request for investigation to the Bureau and the Bureau referred the request to the Department requesting advice as to whether an investigation should be conducted. By memorandum dated 4/15/70, Assistant Attorney General Will Wilson, Criminal Division, requested a preliminary investigation be conducted.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Memorandum

April 15, 1970

TO : Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

DATE:

FROM : Will Wilson
Assistant Attorney General
Criminal Division

SUBJECT: Spiegel, Incorporated
[redacted]
Lawrence Woods
[redacted]
Bribery

Mr. Tolson
Mr. DeLoach
Mr. Walters
Mr. Mohr
Mr. Bishop
Mr. Casper
Mr. Callahan
Mr. Conrad
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Reference is made to your memorandum of January 16, 1970, captioned as above, in which you requested advice whether an investigation should be conducted of a reported bribe to Congressman William L. Dawson to influence his vote on postal legislation. You also expressed a desire to learn the identity of the Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs informant, who is the source of the allegation, in order that direct contact can be had with him by Agents of the FBI. Reference is also made to our memorandum of February 17, 1970, in which we advised you to contact [redacted] of the Organized Crime Section in Chicago, concerning the identity of the informant.

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On March 11, 1970, Agent [redacted] of the Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs came to Chicago for the purpose of arranging a meeting between the informant and FBI Agents. Agent [redacted] advised Mr. [redacted] on that date that he met with the informant and requested him to meet with Agents of the FBI. Agent [redacted] advised that the informant declined to do so.

Despite the unwillingness of the informant to be interviewed by the Bureau representatives a preliminary investigation should be conducted. It is, therefore, requested that the Bureau interview [redacted] public relations for Spiegel

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Corporation, a division of Beneficial Finance. He should be interviewed with respect to the Congressional relationships of Spiegel, Inc., Spiegel's relationship with [redacted] and donations or payments made to any Congressman or Senator to influence a vote on postal legislation.

In addition, Lawrence Woods, a former Administrative Assistant to Dawson, has reputedly acted as an intermediary involving a switch of postal sub-station deposits to American National Bank. He should be interviewed with respect to those activities. [redacted] who is employed by the American National Bank, should also be interviewed with respect to loans having been made to [redacted] and Lawrence Woods, or any Senator or Congressman. It is alleged that some of these loans have been repaid by Spiegel's and were handled by American National Bank employee [redacted] a son of [redacted]

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In addition to following the logical investigation arising from those interviews, it is requested that the Agents of your Chicago Office meet with Mr. [redacted] the Attorney-in-Charge of the Chicago Strike Force, to discuss the investigation with him.

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Date: 4/21/70

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (58-7125)

FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (58-637)

SUBJECT: CONGRESSMAN WILLIAM L. DAWSON,
ET AL
BRIBERY

Re Bureau airtel dated 4/15/70.

[redacted] advised American National Bank (ANB) has no loans to LAWRENCE C. WOODS and that WOODS is not known to him. [redacted] made ANB loan, amply secured by convertible debentures to Congressman [redacted] in 6/62, which reached a high of $105,900, and was repaid in 11/63.

[redacted] stated [redacted] former official at Spiegel's, well-known to him and that he has made ANB loans to [redacted] as high as $100,000 on secured basis. [redacted] loans not now handled by [redacted] however, [redacted] ascertained [redacted] present loan balance to be $350,000; that loans are amply secured and no unusual activity to indicate payments made by mail order industry or that proceeds used to influence legislation. [redacted] stated he has no knowledge or suspicion that [redacted] loans used to make bribery payments or that loan payments made by the mail order industry.

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[redacted] stated there is no reason for him to have made a statement that he was relieved at not being indicted or being called before a Grand Jury in the [redacted] matter. [redacted] advised

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he had separate limited conversations with [redacted] and [redacted] concerning indictments in the [redacted] matter but he cannot recall any remarks made by him which could be construed as his being relieved at his not being indicted or called to testify.

[redacted] advised ANB had post office deposits for part of Chicago area for one year which terminated when Postmaster [redacted] appointed. [redacted] denied any knowledge of connection between ANB securing this business and [redacted] loans.

[redacted] refused interview outside presence of attorney. b6 b7C

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AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. Will interview LAWRENCE C. WOODS.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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PM NITEL 4-22-70 ATS

TO DIRECTOR (58-7125)

FROM CHICAGO (58-637)

CONGRESSMAN WILLIAM L. DAWSON, ET AL, BRIBERY.

RE CG AIRTEL FOUR TWENTY ONE SEVENTY.

LAWRENCE C. WOODS DENIED KNOWING OF LOANS IN HIS NAME AT AMERICAN NATIONAL BANK (ANB) OR BEING INSTRUMENTAL IN GETTING POST OFFICE DEPOSITS TRANSFERRED TO ANB.

AUSA [redacted] REQUESTED [redacted] BE INTERVIEWED IN VIEW OF ALLEGATION HE HANDLED ANB LOANS TO [redacted] AND WOODS. [redacted] ALSO REQUESTED REVIEW OF [redacted] ALSO REQUESTED SUBPOENA DUCES TECUM FOR [redacted] BE SERVED BY SA BECAUSE [redacted] KNOWLEDGE OF TYPE OF RECORDS REQUIRED. INVESTIGATION REQUESTED BY [redacted] WILL BE CONDUCTED AND SUBPOENA DUCES TECUM WILL BE SERVED BY SA UACB.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (58-7125)

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (58-637)

SUBJECT: CONGRESSMAN WILLIAM L. DAWSON;
ET AL
BRIBERY

Re Chicago teletype, 4/22/70.

[redacted] refused interview outside the presence of [redacted] Chairman of the Board, American National Bank, at instructions of [redacted]

[redacted] under forthwith subpoena not yet produced.

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AUSA being apprised of above and upon receipt of records, examination will be conducted at earliest possible date.

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1 - Mr. [redacted]

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TO: SAC, Chicago (58-637)

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CONGRESSMAN WILLIAM L. DAWSON,
ET AL.
BRIBERY
OO: CHICAGO

Rerep of SA [redacted] dated 4-29-70, at Chicago.

Rerep requires clarification to resolve the following.

On 4-22-70, AUSA [redacted] requested that [redacted] be interviewed. On 4-24-70, [redacted] declined to be interviewed outside the presence of the Chairman of the Board of the American National Bank, and Chicago advised him that under those conditions no interview would be conducted at that time. However, Chicago has now set out a lead to interview [redacted] and it would appear that the AUSA may have instructed that he be interviewed in the presence of the Chairman of the Board However, this information is not set forth in rerep.

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Chicago clarify the above by return airtel.

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TITLE OF CASE	REPORT MADE BY	TYPED BY
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Title is being marked changed to reflect the full name of [redacted] and LAWRENCE C. WOODS.

REFERENCES: Bureau airtel to Chicago dated 4/15/70.
Chicago airtel to Bureau dated 4/21/70.
Chicago teletype to Bureau dated 4/22/70.

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LEADS

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AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. 1. Will interview [redacted]. [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

ADMINISTRATIVE

All persons interviewed in this matter were advised that this investigation was being conducted at the request of Assistant Attorney General WILL WILSON, Criminal Division, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, D.C.

On 4/23/70, a Grand Jury subpoena duces tecum was served on [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

It will be noted that in the memo to the Director from WILL WILSON dated 4/15/70, that on page 2, second paragraph, last sentence, states "It is alleged that some of these loans have been repaid by Spiegel's and were handled by American National Bank employee [redacted]" The information pertaining to [redacted] handling some of these loans was not set forth in AUSA [redacted] letter to SAC MARLIN W. JOHNSON dated 1/7/70. Mr. [redacted] was specifically asked if this information had been developed by him or if he had any knowledge of the basis of this information. Mr. [redacted] stated that this information was not developed through any contact that he was aware of. b6 b7C

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1 - USA, Chicago

Report of: SA [redacted] Office: Chicago, Illinois
Date: April 29, 1970

Field Office File #: 58-637 Bureau File #: 58-7125

Title: CONGRESSMAN WILLIAM L. DAWSON;
[redacted]
LAWRENCE C. WOODS;
[redacted]
SPIEGEL, INC.

Character:
BRIBERY

Synopsis: This is a preliminary investigation conducted at the request of Assistant Attorney General WILL WILSON, Criminal Division, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, D.C. [redacted] American National Bank (ANB), refused interview outside presence of Chairman of the Board, ANB. [redacted] ANB, Chicago, advised no loans made to LAWRENCE C. WOODS. Loan to Congressman MORRISON made June, 1962, reached high of $105,900, repaid November, 1963. Loans to [redacted] for current amount of $350,000. [redacted] stated has no knowledge or suspicion that loan proceeds used to influence anyone or that loans repaid by mail order industry. [redacted] denied making statement which could be constituted to mean he was relieved at not being indicted or being subpoenaed to testify in case involving Senator BREWSTER. [redacted] advised ANB handled postal deposits for part of Chicago for approximately one year. Attorney for [redacted] desires to be present at any interview. [redacted] advised he had no loans at ANB and never permitted his name to be used for a loan at that bank. WOODS denied knowing any subjects in this matter except Congressman DAWSON. WOODS denied knowledge of postal deposits being made at ANB or being instrumental in transfer of these deposits to that bank.

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DETAILS:

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Date 4/24/70

[redacted] was advised of the nature of the proposed interview and was furnished a printed form entitled "Interrogation; Advice of Rights" which he read and signed. He was placed under oath by SA [redacted].

Mr. [redacted] stated that it was his bank's policy not to furnish any information concerning any transactions with customers without a subpoena; however, due to the nature of the inquiry, he stated he would furnish what information he could recall and requested that any records be subpoenaed before the information would be made public.

[redacted] stated that he does not recall any loans to LAWRENCE C. WOODS, former Administrative Assistant to Congressman DAWSON and does not even know him to the best of his knowledge.

He advised that he does know [redacted] a former executive of Spiegel's and that he is [redacted] banker. [redacted] stated he has handled loans to [redacted] in amounts up to $100,000, which loans were adequately secured by bonds. He advised that he does not personally handle [redacted] account any more and is not aware of the current status of loans to [redacted] however, to the best of his knowledge, they are good. He stated he has no knowledge of or suspicions that any loans made to [redacted] were repaid by the mail order industry or that the proceeds of the loans were paid to anyone for the purpose of bribing them.

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He stated that he has handled an American National Bank (ANB) loan to Congressman [redacted] in the amount of $50,000 which was adequately secured by bonds for collateral. At that time, [redacted] did not maintain

n 4/20/70 at Highland Park, Illinois File # CG 58-637

SAs [redacted] and

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a checking account at ANB. He stated he does not now recall the purpose of the loan or its manner of repayment.

[redacted] was asked if he had ever told anyone that he was relieved at not having been indicted or called before a Grand Jury after the indictment of Senator BREWSTER. He stated that he had no reason to make such a statement and could not recall making any statement that could be construed along these lines. He stated that he had previously discussed the matter with [redacted] and [redacted] on separate occasions and may have made a general statement that he was glad not to be involved. These discussions were only to the extent of being sorry for a friend being indicted. He stated that his only basis for possibly making such a statement would be that any banker does not like to have his customers in trouble.

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[redacted] stated that he has known [redacted] since he was a child and that they belong to the same country club. He advised he has known [redacted] for a long time, that he knows him well, and considers him to be a close friend.

[redacted] stated that [redacted] is presently in the Trust Department of ANB, but was formerly in the Loan Department. He advised that to the best of his knowledge, [redacted] never handled any loans to the Spiegel group because he was in a different section of the Loan Department. [redacted] stated that [redacted] now heads the department that handles banking for the Spiegel group.

[redacted] stated that his bank had secured Post Office deposits and had kept the business for about one year. He advised that the bank lost the business about the time that Postmaster [redacted] took over. He advised that he personally had made contacts in the Post Office to secure business; however, he is not aware if his contact was instrumental in securing

the business. He advised the Post Office deposits were a specific geographic area in Chicago and estimated the average balance of the accounts to be around $800,000. He advised that the account may not have been as lucrative as it might appear from the average balance inasmuch as there was a large amount of work involved and that the bank may have lost money in handling the account. He stated that there was no connection between ANB securing the Post Office deposits and the loans to [redacted] or Congressman MORRISON. b6 b7C

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 4/24/70

[redacted] telephonically advised that he had checked with the bank's Credit Department and ascertained that no loans had been made to LAWRENCE C. WOODS.

He advised that he had likewise determined that loans to [redacted] had a current balance of $350,000 which are amply secured and that the records for which do not disclose anything unusual which could be construed as to reflect they were being repaid by the mail order industry.

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He advised he had determined that loans to Congressman [redacted] were initiated in June, 1962, reached a high of $105,900 and was repaid in November, 1963. The loans were secured by Convertible Debentures and that payment was effected by a loan from another bank which he did not make note of, but which he believed to be a bank in New Orleans.

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SAs [redacted]

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On April 20, 1970, [redacted] was telephonically contacted to arrange an interview Mr. [redacted] advised that he desired to contact someone before making an appointment. b6 b7C

On April 20, 1970, Mr. [redacted] telephonically advised SA [redacted] that he was an attorney representing [redacted] and that Mr. [redacted] desired that he, [redacted] be present at any proposed interview. Mr. [redacted] was advised that under those conditions, no interview was contemplated at this time.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date April 27, 1970

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LAWRENCE C. WOODS was advised of the nature of the proposed interview. He was furnished the printed form entitled "Voluntary Appearance; Advice of Rights" which he read and signed. He was placed under oath by SA [redacted] after which he furnished the following information:

WOODS advised that he had been Administrative Assistant to Congressman DAWSON from 1961 to 1969. He advised that he ran Congressman DAWSON's Chicago office by himself, and that the only other person employed in Chicago by Congressman DAWSON was a secretary. Mr. WOODS advised that Congressman DAWSON had a staff in Washington that did contain people from Chicago.

Mr. WOODS advised that he did have a savings account at the American National Bank (ANB) which was opened in approximately 1967, reached a high of $10,000, and was closed in May, 1969. He advised that he never had a loan account at ANB, that he never gave permission for anyone to use his name on a loan account at that bank, and that he had no knowledge of or suspicions that anyone had done so. He advised that to his knowledge, Congressman DAWSON had never had a loan account at ANB. However, he stated that this information would not necessarily have come to his attention had the Congressman had such an account.

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Mr. WOODS advised that he had no knowledge of any person securing a loan or receiving the proceeds of a loan from ANB to influence pending legislation. He stated that he had no knowledge or information that Spiegel's had ever repaid any loans for anyone at ANB.

Mr. WOODS advised that he does not know [redacted]

Mr. WOODS advised that he had not been instrumental in Post Office deposits being moved from another bank to ANB,

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by SAs [redacted] and JAR/rmb Date dictated 4/23/70

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and that he was not aware that Post Office deposits had ever been made at ANB. He stated that he was in no way instrumental in having deposits switched to this bank, and that he knew of no reason why anyone might believe that he had been instrumental in this action.

Mr. WOODS advised that he does know the Postmaster General, and that he once spoke at a meeting where the Postmaster General had spoken. However, he doubts very much that the Postmaster General remembers him. He advised that he does know the Chicago Postmaster [redacted]; however, he has never had any discussions with [redacted] or any other Post Office official or with Congressman DAWSON about switching Post Office deposits from one bank to ANB.

Mr. WOODS furnished the following information concerning himself:

Name	LAWRENCE C. WOODS
Address	500 East 33rd Street Apartment 415 Chicago, Illinois
Telephone Number	842-2495
Date of Birth	6/26/16
Place of Birth	Hot Springs, Arkansas
Wife	[redacted] b6
Children	[redacted] b7C
Employment	Self-employed towel distributor; also associated with Mister Carpet
Arrests	1953, Hot Springs, Arkansas, owner of gambling establishment; dismissed. 1957, Chicago Police Department, bribery; dismissed.
Military Service	United States Navy, 1942 - 1946, honorable discharge.

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This matter was discussed with Assistant United States Attorney [redacted] Chicago, Illinois, on April 22, 1970. Mr. [redacted] advised that he felt that an interview of [redacted] should be conducted in view of the allegation that loans at American National Bank to LAWRENCE C. WOODS and [redacted] were handled by [redacted] Mr. [redacted] advised that he desired a review of the loan records for loans made by American National Bank to [redacted]

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Date April 27, 1970

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[redacted] was furnished a printed form entitled "Interrogation; Advice of Rights" which he read and signed.

[redacted] advised that at the instructions of [redacted] American National Bank, that he was not going to permit an interview outside the presence of [redacted] was advised that under those conditions, no interview would be conducted at this time.

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FBI

Date: 5/15/70

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Via AIRTEL _____
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (58-7125)

FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (58-637)

SUBJECT: CONGRESSMAN WILLIAM L. DAWSON
ET AL
BRIBERY

Re Bureau airtel 5/12/70.

Chicago does not intend to interview [redacted] b6 b7C
The report was dictated prior to attempted interview of [redacted] and Chicago failed to delete the lead when the results of the attempted interview were incorporated in the report.

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Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

SAC, Chicago (58-637)

June 25, 1970

Director, FBI (58-7125)

1 - Mr. [redacted]

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CONGRESSMAN WILLIAM L. DAWSON
ET AL
BRIBERY
OO: CHICAGO

Chicago is requested to bring this matter up-to-date by return mail by submitting a communication suitable for dissemination by the Bureau.

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EX-109

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (58-7125)

DATE: 6/30/70

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (58-637)

SUBJECT: CONGRESSMAN WILLIAM L. DAWSON
ET AL
BRIBERY

Re Bureau letter to Chicago, 6/25/70.

Attached herewith is the original and three copies of a LHM for possible dissemination in this matter. As is noted the records from the American National Bank have not been made completely available as of yet and as soon as they are the necessary review will be made and a report submitted promptly. The agent to whom this matter is assigned is presently attending Accounting In-Service.

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1 - Chicago

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ENCLOSURE

58-7125-16 REC-85

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Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

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SAC, Chicago (58-637)

July 24, 1970

Director, FBI (58-7125)

1 - Mr. [redacted]

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CONGRESSMAN WILLIAM L. DAWSON
ET AL
BRIBERY
OO: CG

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (58-7125) DATE: 7/31/70

FROM SAC, CHICAGO (58-637) (-P-)

SUBJECT: CONGRESSMAN WILLIAM L. DAWSON
ET AL
BRIBERY

Re Bulet dated 7/24/70.

Attached hereto is the original and three copies of an LHM for possible dissemination in this matter.

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ENCLOSURE
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

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Chicago, Illinois
July 31, 1970

CONGRESSMAN WILLIAM L. DAWSON
ET AL
BRIBERY

[redacted] produced pursuant to a subpoena duces tecum on July 16, 1970.

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A review of these records is being conducted and it is anticipated the review will be completed on or about August 4, 1970. A report reflecting results of the review will be submitted upon completion of the examination.

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ENCLOSURE

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN	DATE	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD
CHICAGO	CHICAGO	8/10/70	6/24 - 8/5/70

TITLE OF CASE	REPORT MADE BY	TYPED BY
CONGRESSMAN WILLIAM L. DAWSON; ET AL	SA [redacted]	cb b6 b7C
	CHARACTER OF CASE: BRIBERY	

REFERENCES: Chicago report of SA [redacted] 4/29/70.
Bureau airtel to Chicago, 5/12/70.
Chicago airtel to Bureau, 5/15/70.
Bureau letter to Chicago, 6/25/70.
Chicago airtel to Bureau, 6/25/70.
Chicago letter to Bureau, 6/30/70.
Bureau letter to Chicago, 7/24/70.
Chicago letter to Bureau, 7/31/70.

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ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED ☒ NONE						ACQUIT-TALS	CASE HAS BEEN:
CONVIC.	AUTO.	FUG.	FINES	SAVINGS	RECOVERIES		PENDING OVER ONE YEAR ☐ YES ☒ NO PENDING PROSECUTION OVER SIX MONTHS ☐ YES ☒ NO

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LEADS

CHICAGO

AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. 1. Will confer with Departmental Attorney [redacted] concerning production of records from the [redacted] to determine

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FD-302 (Rev. 4-15-64)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date August 7, 1970

[redacted] The records of the [redacted] were produced at the Federal Grand Jury, Chicago, Illinois. SA [redacted] was appointed an agent of the Grand Jury for the purpose of reviewing these records. This review disclosed the following:

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On 7/31-8/4/70 at Chicago, Illinois File # CG 58-637

by SA [redacted]/cb Date dictated 8/6/70

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Examination of copies of the [redacted]

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An examination of copies of available

[redacted]

[redacted]

It will be noted that the [redacted] b3

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The results of the examination of the records was briefly discussed with Departmental Attorney [redacted] on August 5, 1970. He advised that he preferred this matter be taken up with Departmental Attorney [redacted] upon his return August 17, 1970.

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September 10, 1970

AIRTEL

1 - Mr. Frankenfield
1 - FOF

TO: SAC, Chicago (58-637)

FROM: Director, FBI (58-7125)

CONGRESSMAN WILLIAM L. DAWSON
ET AL.
BRIBERY
OO: CG

In view of the importance of this matter, CG is instructed to advise by return mail precise status of all remaining investigation and date same will be completed and reported. This case is to be pressed vigorously for early completion and Departmental Attorney Sheldon Davidson is to be followed closely concerning further action this case.

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EX-117

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FBI

Date: 9/14/70

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Via AIRTEL _____
(Priority)

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (58-7125)

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (58-637)

SUBJECT: CONGRESSMAN WILLIAM L. DAWSON
ET AL
BRIBERY

Re Bureau airtel dated 9/10/70.

Investigation remaining is to complete review of American National Bank records which have not yet been produced; upon completion of above review, interview [redacted] and recontact original informant in this matter.

[redacted] Narcotics Agent, has agreed to attempt recontact and if unsuccessful, to devulge discussion with AUSA [redacted] b6 b7C

It is anticipated, bank records will be made available by 9/25/70. AUSA [redacted] is pressing for production, however, bank states microfilm records are maintained by another firm under contract, and that they have no direct access.

In view of the above, Chicago estimates investigation will be completed and reported by 10/2/70.

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Special Agent In Charge

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (58-7125)

DATE: September 30, 1970

FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (58-637)

SUBJECT: CONGRESSMAN WILLIAM L. DAWSON
ET AL
BRIBERY

Re Chicago airtel 9/14/70.

On September 25, 1970, officials at [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA) [redacted] was advised.

On September 17, 1970, [redacted] Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs, advised that he has no information as to where to contact the informant in this matter except through former Agent [redacted] who has changed jobs and is presently in Germany. He is attempting to contact [redacted] disclosed the identity of the informant is [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

In view of the fact that ANB records pertaining to [redacted] have not been produced for review coupled with the fact [redacted] has not been located, the deadline of October 2, 1970, cannot be met to complete this investigation. Chicago making every effort to complete this investigation and the Bureau will be advised of each development.

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In view of the lack of response on the part of ANB, it is impossible to set a date for completion of record examination.

November 10, 1970

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1 - Mr. [redacted]

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To: SAC, Chicago (58-637)

From: Director, FBI (58-7125)

CONGRESSMAN WILLIAM L. DAWSON
ET AL
BRIBERY
OO: CHICAGO

In view of the death of subject, Chicago should immediately contact departmental attorney [redacted] to determine if any additional action is necessary. Advise Bureau results of contact with Mr. [redacted]

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Date: 11/16/70

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (58-7125)

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (58-637)

SUBJECT: CONGRESSMAN WILLIAM
L. DAWSON
ET AL
BRIBERY

Re Bureau airtel, dated 11/10/70.

Chicago has not submitted a report reflecting results of investigation inasmuch as records of [redacted] have not yet been produced as anticipated. Departmental Attorney [redacted] advised that he is aware that DAWSON is dead. [redacted] requested that the review of [redacted] be completed and that [redacted] be interviewed before he decides the prosecutive merits of this case.

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For the information of the Bureau, [redacted] on interview with Bureau Agents, denied furnishing any information in this matter and denies being in possession of information to furnish. Departmental Attorney [redacted] is considering subpoenaing [redacted] before the Federal Grand Jury (FGJ). [redacted] advised the records of the [redacted] will be made available for review as soon as they are turned over to the FGJ and that he anticipated this to occur during this week.

Chicago will review records of [redacted] as soon as they are made available and thereafter interview [redacted]

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN	DATE	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD
CHICAGO	CHICAGO	1/5/71	8/21 - 12/23/70

TITLE OF CASE	REPORT MADE BY	TYPED BY
CHANGED [redacted] ET AL	SA [redacted]	smh
	CHARACTER OF CASE: BRIBERY	

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Title is being marked changed to delete Congressman WILLIAM L. DAWSON who is deceased and to reflect the full name of [redacted].

REFERENCES: Chicago report of SA [redacted] dated 8/10/70.
Bureau airtel to Chicago dated 9/10/70.
Chicago airtel to the Director dated 9/14/70.
Chicago letter to the Driector dated 9/30/70.
Bureau airtel to Chicago dated 11/10/70.
Chicago airtel to the Director dated 11/16/70.

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ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED ☐ NONE						ACQUIT-TALS
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CASE HAS BEEN:
PENDING OVER ONE YEAR ☐ YES ☒ NO
PENDING PROSECUTION OVER SIX MONTHS ☐ YES ☒ NO

APPROVED [signature] SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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LEAD

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AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. Will maintain contact with Departmental Attorney [redacted] concerning prosecutive potential. b6 b7C

ADMINISTRATIVE

The "Chicago Sun-Times" on 11/8/70, carried an article reflecting that Congressman WILLIAM L. DAWSON had died on that date.

The information furnished by [redacted] is reported hereinafter as informant information at the specific request of Departmental Attorney [redacted] to protect the relationship between [redacted] and the Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs. [redacted] on 10/29/70 was advised of the results of the interview and is considering subpoenaing [redacted] before the Federal Grand Jury.

It will be noted that on 9/17/70, [redacted] Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs advised that the informant in this matter is [redacted] advised that he has been unable to contact [redacted] and that the latest information concerning his whereabouts in the files of the Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs is reflected as [redacted] Chicago, Illinois [redacted] advised that [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

INFORMANTS

On 9/23/70, [redacted] advised SA [redacted] [redacted] that he knows [redacted] however, he has lost contact with him. [redacted] advised that he will make inquiry to see if he can locate [redacted] On 10/28/70, [redacted] advised SA [redacted] that he had learned that [redacted]

On 10/29/70, [redacted] was contacted by SAs [redacted] at his residence. [redacted] Chicago, Illinois. [redacted] declined to be placed under oath and stated that he would talk to agents, however, he would not furnish anything in writing.

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[redacted] He advised that he is in fairly close contact with [redacted] and that [redacted] recently sent him flowers. He stated that he knows both [redacted] knows LAWRENCE WOODS only as a recently defeated candidate for Alderman in the City of Chicago. He stated that he does not know [redacted] He advised that he knows who Congressman DAWSON is, however, he knows little except that he is a Congressman. [redacted] LAWRENCE WOODS, or anyone else to generate funds to be used to influence postal legislation. He stated he does not possess any information concerning [redacted] He stated that he had never furnished any information to anyone concerning this or similar matters because he does not possess such information. He further stated that to the best of his knowledge, he has never talked to anyone named [redacted]

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1 - USA, Chicago

Report of: SA [redacted] **Office:** Chicago b6 b7C

Date: 1/5/71

Field Office File #: 58-637 **Bureau File #:** 58-7125

Title: [redacted]
ET AL

Character: BRIBERY

Synopsis: [redacted] [redacted] advised profit from real estate transaction in Naperville consisted of a venture proposed by real estate developer [redacted], and that he held option to buy real estate next to a trailer park in Love Park, Illinois, however, he refused to discuss full details of the transactions.

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DETAILS:

On August 21, 1970, Departmental Attorney [redacted] advised that he had been in contact with the Legal Department at [redacted] requested that Special Agent [redacted] contact [redacted] and specify what records had not yet been produced. Mr. [redacted] further requested that bank personnel be requested to furnish any partial films of records in the event it might be possible to reproduce legible records.

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On August 31, 1970, Special Agents (SA) [redacted] contacted [redacted] and Mr. [redacted] and advised that the following records were made in compliance with the subpoena: b6 b7C b7D

[redacted]

[redacted] advised that he would take this matter up with the [redacted] in view of the fact that it appeared the [redacted]

On November 9, 1970, [redacted] advised SA [redacted] that he had completed the search for records pertaining to [redacted] and had located some additional records, however, he had been unable to locate all of the records. He stated that his search was completed and he was making no additional efforts to locate records. This information was furnished to Departmental Attorney [redacted] advised that he was engaged in trial and that he would make arrangements to have the records brought before the Federal Grand Jury at an early date. b6 b7C b7D

On December 11, 1970, [redacted] advised that he would have these records delivered to the Federal Grand Jury.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 12/22/70

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A review of records of [redacted] produced at the Federal Grand Jury, Chicago, Illinois, on December 17, 1970, was conducted by SA [redacted] who was previously appointed an Agent of the Grand Jury for the purpose of examining these records. The review disclosed as follows:

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The proceeds of the [redacted] to [redacted]

On 12/17/70 at Chicago, Illinois File # CG 58-637

by SA [redacted] /glk Date dictated 12/17/70

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 12/31/70

[redacted] was furnished a printed form entitled "Interrogation; Advice of Rights" which he read. He stated he would not sign the waiver, but that he would talk to the interviewing agents if the agents could assure him that he could terminate the interview when he desired. After being so assured, the interview commenced.

[redacted] advised that he is now aware that the proceeds of a loan to [redacted] were deposited to the account of [redacted] at American National Bank. He stated he had not been aware of this at the time it occurred, but the information had recently come to his attention. He advised it was his understanding that this was for [redacted] to repay a loan from [redacted] and [redacted] were going into something jointly.

[redacted] tated that it was his understanding that the loan of $175,000 to [redacted] was utilized by [redacted] to repay a loan at Continental Bank. b6 b7C

[redacted] was asked the extent of his real estate transactions, and if he had owned property in Naperville. He stated he had owned a share in a venture where his group had purchased a farm, and had developed the property and sold it. He was asked if it was a profitable venture, and he replied that it was. He stated that a bank customer named [redacted] who was a real estate developer had done the buying and selling, and that his participation was only that of being an investor. He stated that the title was in a land trust, and that [redacted] and one other were investors. He stated he would ascertain the identity of this other individual involved in the deal, and advise Special Agent (SA) [redacted]

[redacted] stated he also was [redacted] park in Love Park, Illinois, near Rockford, Illinois, with [redacted]

On 12/18/70 at Chicago, Illinois File# CG 58-637

SAs [redacted] and [redacted]

by JAR/PLM Date dictated 12/24/70

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[redacted] stated the only other real estate he owned was his home. He was asked if he had had an option to purchase land. He stated that he had [redacted] in Love Park, Illinois, and had sold it. He was asked whether this had been a successful venture, and he stated that it had been. He was asked the amount of money he had made. He stated that he had reported this on his income tax, and that he would not discuss the matter more fully with the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). He stated that he would, however, advise the names of the persons in the Naperville property.

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Departmental Attorney [redacted] was orally advised of the interview with [redacted] Mr. [redacted] advised that he was considering subpoenaing [redacted] before the Federal Grand Jury, however, he desired that [redacted] be given a period of time to contact the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and to devulge full information concerning his real estate transactions.

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Date 12/31/70

[redacted] telephonically advised that persons in the land trust on the Naperville property were: b6 b7C

[redacted]

4. Himself

On 12/18/70 at Chicago, Illinois File # CG 58-637

by SA [redacted] JAR/PLM Date dictated 12/24/70 b6 b7C

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Date 12/31/70

[redacted] telephonically contacted Special Agent (SA) [redacted] and advised that he had, through oversight, failed to advise that [redacted] had been a partner of his in the land option deal.

[redacted] was advised that it had come to SA [redacted] attention that he had made inquiry at the United States Attorney's Office concerning the basis of his interview.

He was advised that the Assistant United States Attorney assigned to this matter had requested that he be afforded an opportunity to disclose fully his real estate transactions. [redacted] stated he had already done this. He was reminded the interview had been terminated at his request with questions unanswered, and [redacted] thereupon said "thank you" and hung up.

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On 12/23/70 at Chicago, Illinois File# CG 58-637

by SA [redacted] JAR/PLM Date dictated 12/24/70

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On December 23, 1970, Departmental Attorney [redacted] was apprised of the results of the interview of [redacted] advised that he intended to subpoena [redacted] before the Federal Grand Jury after he is furnished a copy of the report reflecting the results of the interview with [redacted]

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January 26, 1971

LAWRENCE CHARLES WOODS
Born: June 26, 1916
Hot Springs, Arkansas

The files of this Bureau reveal that a preliminary bribery investigation is being conducted by the Chicago, Illinois, FBI Office at the specific request of Assistant Attorney General Will Wilson, Criminal Division, United States Department of Justice, based on a reported payment to former Congressman William L. Dawson (deceased) to influence his vote on postal legislation. Lawrence C. Woods, born June 26, 1916, former administrative assistant to Dawson, reportedly acted as an intermediary in connection with certain alleged activities involving former Congressman Dawson. Should you desire further details, it is suggested that you direct your inquiry to the Department of Justice.

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NOTE: Case discussed with W.A. Frankenfield, General Investigative Division, who advised the above dissemination. Name Check received from SBA, 1/13/71, on captioned individual, who apparently is a loan applicant.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (58-7125) DATE: 2/19/71

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (58-637) (P)

SUBJECT: [redacted]
ET AL;
BRIBERY

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Re Chicago report of SA [redacted] dated 1/5/71.

Departmental Attorney [redacted] was contacted concerning this matter on January 26, 1971, and February 11, 1971. On February 11, 1971, [redacted] advised that he intended to subpoena [redacted] efore the Federal Grand Jury within the next 30 days.

Chicago will follow this matter with Departmental Attorney [redacted]

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN	DATE	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD
CHICAGO	CHICAGO	MAR 26 1971	1/26 - 3/17/71

TITLE OF CASE	REPORT MADE BY	TYPED BY
[redacted] ET AL	SA [redacted]	glk
	CHARACTER OF CASE: BRIBERY	b6 b7C

REFERENCES: Chicago report of SA [redacted] dated 1/5/71.
Chicago letter to Director dated 2/19/71.

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CHICAGO

AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. Will maintain contact with Departmental Attorney [redacted] concerning this matter.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED [X] NONE						ACQUIT-TALS	CASE HAS BEEN:
CONVIC.	AUTO.	FUG.	FINES	SAVINGS	RECOVERIES		PENDING OVER ONE YEAR [X] YES [ ] NO PENDING PROSECUTION OVER SIX MONTHS [ ] YES [X] NO

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1 - USA, Chicago

Report of: SA [redacted] Office: Chicago

Date: MAR 2 6 1971

Field Office File #: 58-637 Bureau File #: 58-7125

Title: [redacted]; ET AL

Character: BRIBERY

Synopsis: Departmental Attorney [redacted] intends to have [redacted] subpoenaed before the Federal Grand Jury within 30 days.

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DETAILS:

Departmental Attorney [redacted] Chicago, Illinois, was contacted on January 26, 1971, and February 11, 1971. On February 11, 1971, Mr. [redacted] advised that he intended to subpoena [redacted] before the Federal Grand Jury within the next 30 days.

On March 17, 1971, Mr. [redacted] advised that due to the presure of other work, he had not as yet issued a subpoena for [redacted] appearance before the Federal Grand Jury, however, he intends to do so within the next 30 days.

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REPORTING OFFICE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN	DATE	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD
CHICAGO	CHICAGO	MAY 26 1971	4/20/71 - 5/10/71

TITLE OF CASE

[redacted] O
ET AL

REPORT MADE BY

SA [redacted]

TYPED BY

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CHARACTER OF CASE

BRIBERY

REFERENCES: Chicago report of SA [redacted] dated 3/26/71. b6 b7C

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LEAD

CHICAGO

AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Will maintain contact with Departmental Attorney [redacted] concerning this matter.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED						☒ NONE	ACQUIT-TALS	CASE HAS BEEN:
CONVIC.	AUTO.	FUG.	FINES	SAVINGS	RECOVERIES			PENDING OVER ONE YEAR ☒ YES ☐ NO PENDING PROSECUTION OVER SIX MONTHS ☐ YES ☒ NO

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Agency	1 AAG Will Pulleson		
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1 - USA, Chicago

Report of: SA [redacted]
Date: MAY 26 1971

Office: CHICAGO

Field Office File #: 58-637

Bureau File #: 58-7125

Title: [redacted]
ET AL

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Character: BRIBERY

Synopsis: Departmental Attorney [redacted] intends to subpoena [redacted] before the Federal Grand Jury in near future.

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DETAILS:

Departmental Attorney [redacted] was contacted on April 20, 1971, and May 10, 1971. He advised that due to pressure of other work he has not as yet subpoenaed [redacted] before the Federal Grand Jury, but that he intends to do so in the near future.

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REPORTING OFFICE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN	DATE	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD
CHICAGO	CHICAGO	7/21/71	6/11 - 7/12/71

TITLE OF CASE	REPORT MADE BY	TYPED BY
LOUIS E. RUDIN; ET AL	SA [redacted]	jto b6 b7C
	CHARACTER OF CASE: BRIBERY	

REFERENCES: Report of SA [redacted] dated 5/26/71 at Chicago.

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CHICAGO

AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. Will maintain contact with Departmental Attorney [redacted] concerning this matter.

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CONVIC.	AUTO.	FUG.	FINES	SAVINGS	RECOVERIES		PENDING OVER ONE YEAR [X] YES [ ] NO PENDING PROSECUTION OVER SIX MONTHS [ ] YES [X] NO

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Report of: SA [redacted] Office: CHICAGO

Date: July 21, 1971

Field Office File #: 58-637 Bureau File #: 58-7125

Title: [redacted]
ET AL

Character: BRIBERY

Synopsis: Departmental attorney [redacted] advised that he intends to subpoena [redacted] before the Special Federal Grand Jury the first week in August, 1971.

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DETAILS:

On June 11, 1971, Departmental attorney [redacted] advised that he intended to subpoena [redacted] JR. before the Federal Grand Jury during the first week in July, 1971.

On July 12, 1971, Assistant United States Attorney [redacted] advised that he had not subpoenaed [redacted] as he had intended, however, he now intends to subpoena [redacted] before the Special Federal Grand Jury in Chicago during the first week in August, 1971.

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REPORTING OFFICE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN	DATE	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD
CHICAGO	CHICAGO	9/30/71	8/2 - 9/22/71

TITLE OF CASE

[redacted]
ET AL

REPORT MADE BY: SA [redacted]

TYPED BY: slw

CHARACTER OF CASE

BRIBERY

REFERENCE: Chicago report of SA [redacted] 7/21/71.

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CHICAGO

AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. Will maintain contact with Departmental Attorney [redacted] concerning this matter.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED						ACQUIT-TALS	CASE HAS BEEN:
CONVIC.	AUTO.	FUG.	FINES	SAVINGS	RECOVERIES		PENDING OVER ONE YEAR ☐ YES ☒ NO PENDING PROSECUTION OVER SIX MONTHS ☐ YES ☒ NO

☒ NONE

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Report of: SA [redacted]
Date: 9/30/71

Office: Chicago

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Field Office File #: 58-637

Bureau File #: 58-7125

Title: [redacted]
ET AL

Character: BRIBERY

Synopsis: Departmental Attorney [redacted] intends to subpoena [redacted], before the FGJ within 30 days.

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DETAILS:

On August 2, 1971, Departmental Attorney [redacted] advised that he had not subpoenaed [redacted] as he had intended to do. He stated that he intended to subpoena [redacted] in the near future. [redacted] was contacted on August 27 and September 10, 1971, both of which times he stated that due to pressure of other work, he had not subpoenaed [redacted]

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On September 22, 1971, Departmental Attorney [redacted] was again contacted. Mr. [redacted] advised that he had not as yet subpoenaed [redacted] for the Federal Grand Jury. It was pointed out to Mr. [redacted] that this matter had been awaiting the subpoena of [redacted] for a considerable period of time. He stated that he was aware of this, and that he intended to have [redacted] subpoenaed before the Federal Grand Jury within the next 30 days.

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REPORTING OFFICE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN	DATE	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD
CHICAGO	CHICAGO	11/23/71	10/27 - 11/12/71

TITLE OF CASE

[redacted]
ET AL

REPORT MADE BY: SA [redacted]

TYPED BY: rmb

CHARACTER OF CASE

BRIBERY

REFERENCE: Chicago report of SA [redacted] dated 9/30/71. b6 b7C

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CHICAGO

AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. Will maintain contact with Departmental Attorney [redacted] concerning this matter.

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ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED NONE						ACQUIT-TALS
CONVIC.	AUTO.	FUG.	FINES	SAVINGS	RECOVERIES	

CASE HAS BEEN:
PENDING OVER ONE YEAR [X] YES [ ] NO
PENDING PROSECUTION OVER SIX MONTHS [ ] YES [X] NO

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Report of: SA [redacted] Office: Chicago, Illinois
Date: 11/23/71

Field Office File #: 58-637 Bureau File #: 58-7125

Title: [redacted]
ET AL

Character: BRIBERY

Synopsis: Departmental Attorney [redacted] has not yet subpoenaed [redacted] b6 b7C

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DETAILS:

Departmental Attorney [redacted] has been contacted on October 27, 1971, and November 12, 1971, concerning this matter. On both occasions he stated that he has not as yet subpoenaed [redacted] but that he intends to do so in the near future.

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REPORTING OFFICE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN	DATE	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD
CHICAGO	CHICAGO	1/10/72	12/10/71 - 1/6/72

TITLE OF CASE

[redacted]
ET AL

REPORT MADE BY: SA [redacted]

TYPED BY: pmb

CHARACTER OF CASE

BRIBERY

REFERENCE: Report of SA [redacted] dated 11/23/71 at Chicago.

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LEAD

CHICAGO

AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. Will maintain contact with Departmental Attorney [redacted] concerning this matter.

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ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED [X] NONE						ACQUIT-TALS	CASE HAS BEEN:
CONVIC.	AUTO.	FUG.	FINES	SAVINGS	RECOVERIES		PENDING OVER ONE YEAR [X] YES [ ] NO PENDING PROSECUTION OVER SIX MONTHS [ ] YES [X] NO

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Report of: SA [redacted] Office: Chicago
Date: 1/10/72

Field Office File #: 58-637 Bureau File #: 58-7125

Title:
[redacted]
ET AL

Character:
BRIBERY

Synopsis:
Departmental Attorney [redacted] has not yet subpoenaed [redacted]

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DETAILS:

Departmental Attorney [redacted] was contacted on December 10, 1971, and January 6, 1972, concerning this matter and he advised he has not as yet subpoenaed [redacted]

[redacted] stated that he will definitely supboena [redacted] before the February Grand Jury and thereafter render a prosecutive opinion.

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REPORTING OFFICE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN	DATE	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD
CHICAGO	CHICAGO	2/25/72	2/17/72

TITLE OF CASE	REPORT MADE BY	TYPED BY
[redacted] ET AL	SA [redacted]	lan
	CHARACTER OF CASE: BRIBERY	

REFERENCE: Report of SA [redacted] at Chicago, dated 1/10/72.

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CHICAGO

AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. Will maintain contact with Departmental Attorney [redacted] concerning this matter.

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ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED ☒ NONE						ACQUIT-TALS	CASE HAS BEEN:
CONVIC.	AUTO.	FUG.	FINES	SAVINGS	RECOVERIES		PENDING OVER ONE YEAR ☒ YES ☐ NO PENDING PROSECUTION OVER SIX MONTHS ☐ YES ☒ NO

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Copy to: 1 - USA, CHICAGO

Report of: SA [redacted] Office: CHICAGO

Date: 2/25/72

Field Office File #: 58-637 Bureau File #: 58-7125

Title: [redacted]
ET AL

Character: BRIBERY

Synopsis: AUSA, Chicago advised he will subpoena [redacted] within ten days.

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DETAILS:

On February 17, 1972, Departmental Attorney [redacted] advised that he will subpoena [redacted] before the Federal Grand Jury within ten days.

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SAC, Chicago (58-637)

April 18, 1972

Director, FBI (58-7125)

1 - Mr. [redacted]

[redacted]
ET AL.
BRIBERY
CO: CG

A review of the Bureau file in captioned matter reveals it has been awaiting action of Departmental Attorney [redacted] for some period of time. If no action has been taken by Departmental Attorney Davidson, Chicago is to prepare an [redacted] setting forth briefly the facts of this matter and the specific dates [redacted] has been contacted. The last paragraph of the [redacted] should request the Department's advice as to what action can be taken to bring this matter to a logical prosecutive conclusion.

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The above [redacted] should be submitted to the Bureau by return airtel.

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Date: 4/26/72

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Via AIRTEL _____
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (58-7125)

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (58-637) (P)

SUBJECT: [redacted]
ET AL
BRIBERY

Re Bulet 4/18/72.

AUSA, [redacted], CG, advised that a subpoena had been issued for [redacted] to appear before the FGJ, CG, on 5/16/72, at 10:00 A.M.

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CG will follow and report.

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1 - Chicago
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Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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REPORTING OFFICE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN	DATE	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD
CHICAGO	CHICAGO	5/23/72	3/15-5/16

TITLE OF CASE

[redacted]
ET AL

REPORT MADE BY SA [redacted]

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CHARACTER OF CASE

BRIBERY

REFERENCE: Chicago Report of SA [redacted] dated 2/25/72. Bureau letter to Chicago 4/18/72. Chicago airtel to the Director 4/26/72.

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Copy of this file made for Chicago, SA [redacted] on 3/27/81, by [redacted]

ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED [X] NONE						ACQUIT-TALS	CASE HAS BEEN:
CONVIC.	AUTO.	FUG.	FINES	SAVINGS	RECOVERIES		PENDING OVER ONE YEAR [X] YES [ ] NO PENDING PROSECUTION OVER SIX MONTHS [ ] YES [X] NO

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4 MAY 26 1972

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Agency	IAAG			
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1 - USA, Chicago (ATTN: [redacted] b6 b7C

Report of: SA [redacted] Office: Chicago
Date: 5/23/72

Field Office File #: 58-637 Bureau File #: 58-7125

Title: [redacted]
ET AL

Character: BRIBERY

Synopsis: AUSA [redacted] advised [redacted] had appeared before the Federal Greand Jury on 5/16/72. AUSA [redacted] declined prosecution. b3 b6 b7C

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DETAILS:

Assistant United States Attorney [redacted] was contacted regarding this matter on March 15, April 12 and April 26, 1972. On May 16, 1972, [redacted] advised that [redacted] had appeared before the Federal Grand Jury. [redacted] advised that he would decline prosecution in this matter inasmuch as all logical avenues of approach to this matter have been exhausted and no information has been developed to substantiate its allegation.

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